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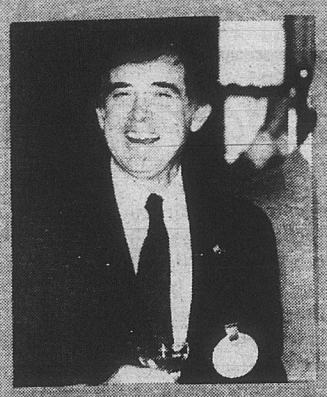

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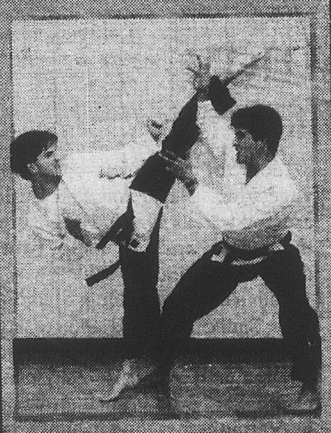

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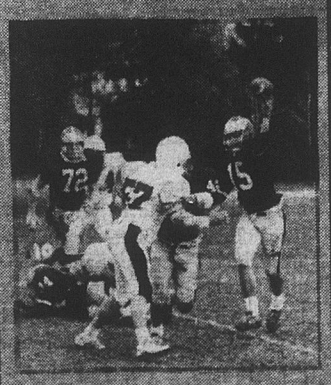

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IFC asks faculty for time to look into fraternity reforms

By Page Dickinson

After the Student Government Association's vote in favor of fraternity reforms, the future of the fraternity system at Middlebury lies not only in the hands of the Board of Trustees, but in the fraternities' as well. Recognizing the role they will play in solving the issue, the Interfraternity Council officers met with the Faculty Council Wednesday to make "a plea for time," according to Delta Kappa Epsilon President Wajeeh Nasser.

The faculty committee presented several suggestions for fraternity reforms, emphasizing the need for full and equal participation in fraternitites by women, Nasser said. The IFC officers' position was that "we are open to suggestions," Nasser said, "but we are asking for time to discuss the feasibility of accomplishing these requests."

Nasser felt "optimistic that there will be a motion to put off the faculty vote" on the elimination of fraternities. Asking to have until April, the fraternities need the time to look into problems which may result from ties to national fraternity organizations, he said.

The issue of women joining fraternities is a "matter of practicality and ambivalence" for most fraternities, Nasser said. "We need to do what [the faculty is] saying to stay alive," he said. "And a lot of their ideas aren't so bad."

Kappa Delta Rho President Mark Dimond agreed that allowing women to join is the "only path" for fraternities at Middlebury to follow. "We are totally willing to turn coed," Dimond said, but it will be "tough" for fraternities to keep their connection with the national

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Ballot stuffing invalidates SGA surveys

By Paul Gould

The Student Government Association has invalidated a survey which was designed to assess student views of the fraternities at Middlebury. The survey was declared void after it became known that the ballot boxes were being stuffed with bogus copies of the questionnaire.

The survey, which addressed a number of issues concerning fraternities, was put in student boxes with instructions to deposit them in the blue SGA ballot box in the Forest mailroom. The box was not monitored by SGA officials, which facilitated any attempts to deposit photocopies of the original.

According to Jon Lenicheck, vice president of the SGA, of the approximately 600 returned surveys, approximately 20 are definitely the result of ballot box stuffing. However, many more are under suspicion.

"We're pretty disappointed," Lenicheck said, "We're an honor code society."

Lenicheck also said that he doubts the SGA will try to do something similar in the future, that the people responsible for the fraud have essentially "blown it".

"We're under scrutiny now. Now's the time for us to reform," said Delta Upsilon member Pat Mancuso, "That's possibly the stupidest thing that could've been done."

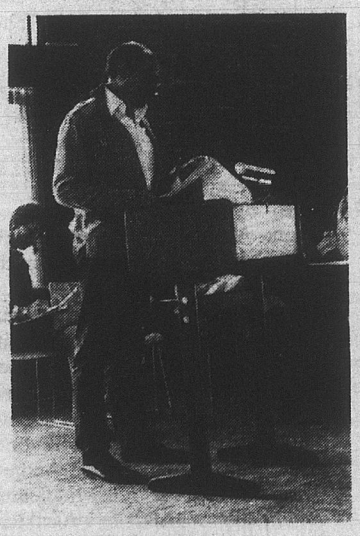
President of Chi Psi Chris Mycek said, "I would say that if there was a case of ballot stuffing, it is unfortunate. It's a violation of the Honor Code we live by here."

Speaking of the possible ramifications the incident might have on the College community's perceptions of the fraternities, he said, "Everything we do seems to provoke a negative reaction. It's the action of a few individuals. You can't control the acts of every single member."

Although it is not clear exactly how many people were involved in stuffing the ballot boxes, there are two "clear cut" instances, where students were caught. One of these was a member of a Middlebury fraternity. The name of the fraternity has not been disclosed by the SGA. Charges will not be brought against the offending students.

"We're not pursuing it," Lenicheck said, "It's not worth our while. We've invalidated the whole survey, we think that's enough."

Pat Mancuso, Rich Madison, Ron Currie talk at workshop *(photo by Amos Beason)*



Trustee Cecil Forster

Minority issues targeted by second advisory workshop

By Dorothea Herrey

Last Thursday, 13 experts on the issue of minorities in education came to the Middlebury campus from various parts of the country to participate in the College's second Minority Advisory Workshop.

The first such workshop took place in June, 1987, when eleven high school and college counselors visited with members of the faculty and administration to improve the quality of life for minorities at Middlebury College, where only 65% of minority students graduate. Of the 21 recommendations made by last year's group, the College has implemented 18, including the creation of a Black Studies concentration and the hiring of a black psychological counselor in the counseling department.

The participants in this past weekend's workshop came to examine Middlebury's efforts since the last workshop, and to observe first-hand the campus "in action," with students and faculty present, in order to determine a new set of recommendations.

In addition to meals and parties

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Fraternities welcome freshmen

Rules will be strictly enforced for underage drinkers

By Ann Dahlquist

After much discussion and debate on the subject, fraternities have decided to open their parties to freshmen beginning this Friday. Frank Kelley, Director of Residential Life, and Wajeeh Nasser, president of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, sent out a letter to all freshmen explaining the fraternity system as it applies to them and outlining certain procedures which they will have to follow. Freshmen will be allowed in by invitation only, and Nasser is convinced that most freshmen will readily comply with the drinking age.

"They understand our position better now than if they had gotten in [to the fraternities] right away," he said. While Nasser admitted to being "a little bit worried" since "it will take a good month for [freshmen] to be incorporated into the process," he pointed out that such a transition period is necessary before there can be "equal participation by all four classes in the social scene."

Karen Lane, house director in Battell, agreed that letting freshmen into fraternities is an "excellent idea." Fraternity parties will provide "a different place to go" for freshmen, who can now only attend Cook parties or gather in the dormitories, she said.

The lack of alternatives for freshmen has led to increased drinking in the rooms, causing dorm damage to skyrocket, Lane said. She finds this "ridiculous," calling such an atmosphere "claustrophobic, hot and loud — you can't talk." She would rather take freshmen to a fraternity party than to have them drink in the dormitories, she said.

"Freshmen don't know anything at all," said Ben Faucett '92. He feels fraternities provide a good opportunity to meet upperclassmen, who can tell freshmen what Middlebury is really like, not just how it looks in the catalog. There is currently "too much of a division" between classes, he stated, and hopes that the fraternities' new policy will change this.

"We're always with the same people. We don't know anyone but freshmen," commented Erica Lombard '92. There are not many all-campus activities, she said, and the alternatives that *do* exist for freshmen become monotonous after a while.

"We're sick of them," said Matt Pauley '92. "It's boring being a freshman."

The fraternities have taken it upon themselves to better the situation by

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College Shorts

By Jean Berghaus

Invasion of the Skull Snatchers

A Syracuse University freshman was arrested last week for body stealing after his roommate reported that he was boiling a human skull in their dormitory room. Kevin D. McQuain, the accused thief, denied vandilizing the mausoleum at the local cemetary from where police believed the skull had been removed. He explained to police that he was sterilizing the skull in order to use it as a model for a sculpting class.

McQuain has been suspended pending a hearing before a campus judicial panel, a Syracuse spokesman told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

In a statement, the Chancellor of the University expressed "the deepest regret of the entire university" over the destruction of many graves at the cemetary. He assured that disciplinary measures would be taken against any other students who might be charged with the vandalism.

Racial Awareness Programs Fail to Prevent Harassment

This fall, as the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Smith College began programs to promote racial harmony, several incidents of racial harassment have been reported at the two institutions.

Smith College is presently investigating the delivery of anonymous notes containing racial slurs to several students on campus. Two weeks ago, Smith officials announced an extensive minority-recruitment plan for students and faculty.

At the University of Massachusetts, a racial slur was broadcast over a two-way radio used solely by physical plant employees. An investigation into this incident continued last week as "Civility Week" began in commemoration of a brawl between black and white students in 1986.

Fraternities Banned for "Ghetto Party" and Slave Auction

Fraternities at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and DePauw University have been suspended for sponsoring social events which authorities feel promoted negative racial feelings.

A student disciplinary committee at the University of Wisconsin is investigating a mock slave sale held by the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity as part of a fund-raising event. Some fraternity members wore Afro wigs and colored themselves black for the event. The Interfraternity Council at the University has suspended the fraternity from all activities on campus and has recommended that the members involved in the event be expelled.

DePauw University has placed the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity on probation for the rest of the academic year for holding a "Ghetto Party" in the fraternity's house. Due to this event, members of the fraternity have been prohibited from participating in any social activities as an organization, and must contribute one day of community service to a project. The fraternity must also hold for its members an educational program on ways to improve interracial relations within the college community.

NEWS

Two student joggers flashed in past month

By Pam Labatt-Simon

In the past month, there have been two incidents in which Middlebury College students were flashed by an unidentified male while jogging in the near vicinity of the College. The flashings took place within a short time of each other, the first occurring on October 10, and the second on October 19.

The first incident, on October 10, took place on Bittersweet Falls Road. The runner was out at approximately 8:40 a.m. when a powder blue jeep passed her. As she came over the hill, she saw the car parked on the other side of the road. As she jogged towards the car she could see the driver on the side of the road by his car, wearing only a blue plaid shirt. She described his as a stocky man of average height with dark brown hair. His vehicle had Vermont license plates.

The second occasion was at about 2:30 p.m. on Cider Mill Road. The suspect was described as a white male in his mid-twenties, of medium build with sandy brown hair. He was seen by a small dirty grey car, also with Vermont license plates. As in the first case, the flasher did not approach the victim.

According to Pete Chenevert, Director of Public Safety, it is believed that the two men seen may actually be the same person driving different vehicles. Once the students came to him with their information, the local police, state police, and sheriff's office were notified. Though Chenevert is not sure of specifics, he believes that this is not entirely unusual. "The fall and spring show rashes of this thing. It's not different than at a lot of other colleges."

Detective Sergeant Michael Bolduc of the Middlebury Police Department agreed with this. He said there is a history of about three to five incidents a year. "It picks up when the college gets back and the joggers go out." Though a few town residents have had similar encounters, it appears to predominantly affect joggers from the College.

Bolduc believes that the number of flashing incidents is on the increase. However, he says, the police department does not really know how many actual incidents occur. "I'm sure there are a lot of unreported incidents, which is pretty upsetting to me." He is frustrated with the community's reaction to the role of the police department. "People seem to think that they are bothering us. We're there to be bothered. We want to help." He encourages students and residents to report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to them. "People are under the impression that they are in a safe haven here, but they're not."

One of Bolduc's greatest concerns about the flashing incidents is that they are stopped before they become something more than exhibitionism. One of the victims agrees: "Anytime I go out running now I think about that. Whenever I see a single man in a car I get scared. I plan to carry mace with me when I run alone."

Trustees okay art center project

By Paula Davidson

As students relaxed for midterm break, the Board of Trustees met on October 22 and gave the official go ahead for continuing work on the arts center.

Milt Peterson, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee, said during the meeting, "I expect to see both the student center and the arts center construction underway with the first arrival of spring."

The Trustees authorized the administration to instruct Malcolm Holzman, architect of the arts center, to begin performing modifications necessary to relocate the building between Chi Psi and Memorial Field House. They also announced that Charley Moffett, '67, Senior Curator of Paintings at the National Gallery of Art in Washington and a member of the Board of Trustees, will assist Holzman with the architectural planning.

The Trustees and Board of Overseers (made up of former Trustees), in Middlebury for their Homecoming meeting, also viewed a new rendering of the proposed student center.

Betsy Etchells, Executive Assistant to the President, who also attended the meeting, said "the Trustees, like the students, are very committed not to let one project go because of the other and are working equally hard on the arts center and the student center."

Fraternities open to freshmen

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bridging the existing gap between the classes, but they will have to do so cautiously, Nasser said. "We are not in a position of strength." He stressed the importance of abiding by the rules. "We can't afford to have problems with underage drinking at fraternities," he said.

Some people feel fraternities promote drinking on weekends and allow underage drinking, Nasser said, but he doesn't believe this is true. "Last year we got away with [serving minors]. This year we've been stricter," he says.

Fraternity members check identification, and many of the bartenders are trained to recognize signs of intoxication. Also, Nasser said, someone will walk guests home after a party if it seems neccessary. Nasser stressed that the fraternity brothers *will* take drinks away from underaged drinkers whose friends get beers for them, and will ask them to leave. "We don't have much of a choice," he concluded.

Freshman Tom McCraw found it "strange to close the fraternities to freshmen when sophomores are just as illegal" to drink. There "ought to be some introduction to the fraternities for freshmen," he said.

Ben Rosenfeld '92 agrees. "We are all more or less adults, and should get along [on an equal basis]," he said.

Joelle Snow '92 is also excited about being able to attend fraternity parties. "It's better than sneaking in," she added.

A *"Wanderjahre"* for Study

Four seniors nominated for Watson Fellowships

By David Muhlbaum

Four Middlebury seniors have been chosen as nominees for the prestigious Watson Fellowship, a $13,000 grant and program that gives its recipients the "opportunity for a focused and disciplined *Wanderjahr* " in an area of their own particular interest. The students, Andrew Dahlstrom, Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Sanborn and Andrew Wynn were chosen by a Middlebury committee chaired by Assistant Dean of Students Arlinda Ardister. Dean of Students Emerita Erica Wonnacott also helped select students as part of the committee.

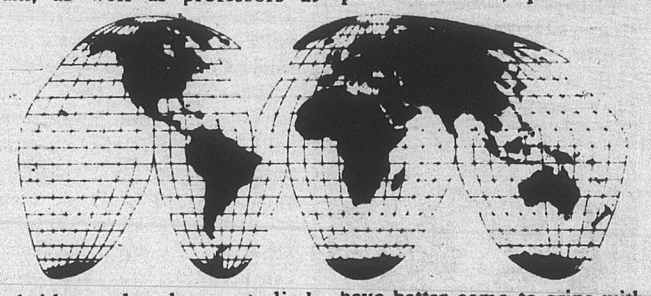
Ardister said that the committee had an excellent group of proposals. But the Watson program allows each member school to nominate only four students. Out of the 23 submitted, Ardister said "There were at least another dozen that were really worthy, but our hands were tied."

Last year, two Middlebury seniors received Watson Fellowships: Erin Fanning and Gerry McDermott. Both are currently abroad on their programs. Fanning is studying in Peru, and McDermott is researching *Perestroika* in East-Bloc countries.

Watson Fellowships provide a remarkable amount of freedom. While the intent of the program is to provide for travel and study abroad, a fellowship does not include formal university study. Instead, students are encouraged to develop projects that have "great independence and adaptability."

Ardister said that some of the best projects grow out of lifelong interests, although many students develop proposals based on their past studies or future career intentions.

"Cricket's not the focal point of my life," says Andrew Dahlstrom, "but it's always been in the background." Dahlstrom proposes to study "The Cultural Context of Cricket in Britain and its Commonwealth." Dahlstrom, who has played cricket since 7th grade, plans to start his research in England, where he hopes to talk to members of the British National Team, as well as professors at Cambridge who have studied cricket. The focus of Dahlstrom's study would be on tensions between British and Colonial teams. "There's a lot of tension between countries," Dahlstrom says, "It's a gentlemanly sport on the surface, but there's a lot of racial slurs and critical ethnic commentary."



Elizabeth Mitchell, a Biology Major, would study "Alpine Vegetation in Mountainous Regions of New Zealand and Nepal." After spending last summer working at a University of Colorado program at their Mountain Research station, she wants to do further research on the effects of pollution on alpine vegetation. Nepal and New Zealand are good areas for study because of the recent upsurge in tourism in those areas, Mitchell said.

With a concentration in Studio Art, Eric Sanborn would like to study works of Flemish artists in Belgium, Vienna and Madrid. A Vermont native, Sanborn said that growing up in Vermont has given him a deep appreciation of art that depicts provincial or rustic scenes. Sanborn plans to study certain Flemish painters who have "a very strong provincial flavor," painters he feels have better come to grips with the rural character than certain French and Dutch Painters. Sanborn would also study other artists from the same period in Austria and Spain.

Senior Andrew Wynn proposal involves looking into how the famous art auctions in Europe — such as Sotheby's and Christies's — will have to adjust to the integration of the European Economic Community in 1992. Wynn would interview artists, gallery owners, and cultural archivists. "I've had an interest in Art all my life," said Wynn.

Olin here to stay

An interview with President Robison

by Paula Davidson

When I walked into President Robison's office on Friday, a charcoal portrait of Mr. Robison was the first thing I noticed. The lines stretching from his eyes and his full eyebrows were definitely the features identifying the picture. President Robison had just finished sitting for the artist, Jack Beall, in preparation for a portrait to be hung alongside those of past presidents in Old Chapel.

"Most of the presidents had their portraits done in their eighth or tenth year in office," Robison declared. "This is my fourteenth!"

My mission was to interview Mr. Robison about his future plans, plans which might not involve Middlebury College. When I left his office, I joked with the president that I was coming back empty-handed.

Mr. Robison has no plans of leaving Middlebury College; in fact, he hopes to begin teaching students again soon.

Betsy Etchells, the president's executive assistant, explained that over the summer rumors began to spread among faculty and staff that Robison would be leaving the College, possibly to take a position in the administration if Dukakis were elected. However, Robison appeared at the first faculty meeting this fall to emphasize that he has no intentions of leaving.

"All high positions in a Dukakis Administration would be given to people who worked on his campaign," Robison said. "If I wanted a position, I would be out campaigning for Dukakis." Mr. Robison will not stay completely out of politics, however. He has been an advisor in US-Soviet Relations under both Democratic and Republican administrations, and he plans to continue in this role.

Robison is one of the longest serving college presidents, but this fact doesn't seem to affect him. "When I took office in 1975, the average term for a college president was four years; the average is up to seven now," Robison said. He is still far ahead of the figures, however, this year marking his fourteenth as

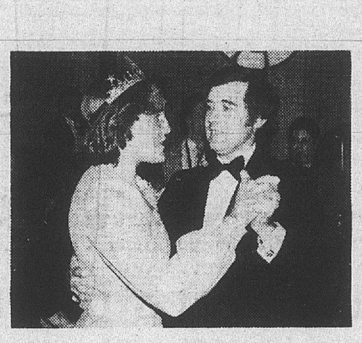
Middlebury's president.

"Do you like being president?" I asked.

"Most days." He smiled. Mr. Robison is definitely satisfied with his work here. He feels Middlebury offers the best opportunities in education for its students. "Unless I wake up someday and realize I can't do it anymore, I plan to stay here a long time," he said.

Mr. Robison's plans include, among the highest priorities, teaching. "Someday you'll see my name in the college catalogue: Olin Robison, President, College Professor," he predicted.

Mr. Robison taught before, until he realized he could not teach and earn $60 million for the College Fund at



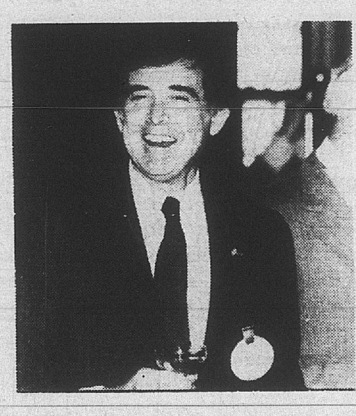
the same time, he said. Now that his earning goals have been accomplished, the President wants to teach foreign policy, and especially teach freshmen, perhaps as a part of his newly established freshman seminar program.

He also hopes to continue working in US-Soviet relations. When asked about the future of East-West relations under under a new administration, Mr. Robison said that he foresees no large differences between a Dukakis and Bush presidency. Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev is having such great internal problems now that he must continue to maintain good relations with the West.

Finally I came to the inevitable question for Robison, an avowed Democrat: "What do you think of Dukakis' chances of being elected?"

"I'm discouraged," Robison replied. "In 1980 there was an uproar when the media announced Reagan's victory before the polls closed on the west coast and Hawaii. Now they've announced the winner four weeks before the polls are even open."

When he spoke to a group of students last year about the presidential race, Robison stressed that the "numbers" of public opinion



polls in no way indicate the outcome of the election. His view seems to have changed. "Last night the media had a poll ready five minutes after the debate which declared Bush the winner," he said. When asked about the importance of such polls, he said, "polls influence public opinion."

As I left Mr. Robison's office, he introduced me to the artist and told Mr. Beale that he would be willing at any time to sit for the official portrait, either at Middlebury or at the artist's studio in New York. Mr. Beale replied that he must do the portrait while President Robison is at work in his office, for Middlebury's Old Chapel is where Mr. Robison would appear and feel most at home.

No surprise: SGA supports fraternities, urges reforms

By Antonia deVegh

After a two hour long discussion of various issues surrounding the fraternity question, the Student Government Association voted in favor of retaining the Greek social system at the college. Their resolution, however, is a conditional one dependent on the enactment of specific reforms to be developed by the SGA next week and in the following weeks. The establishment of a campus-wide advisory committee comprised of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and both fraternity and non-fraternity member students was proposed in order to foster a better exchange of ideas within the community about the nature of the future reforms and their significance in the context of the educational goals of the college.

The committee will address the issues of sexism, alcohol abuse, underage drinking, freshman participation, female membership, and increased community service which have been central to the controversy surrounding the fraternity system. A previous attempt to tap student thought(s) on several of these issues through the Student Government survey resulted in a response from about 30% of the electorate and ballot box stuffing both which invalidated the questionnaires' legitimacy. The Student Government Association's decision to form the committee was prompted by a desire to meet the faculty vote on November 7th with an organized body that can work in concert with the faculty and others in order to bridge the perceived gap between parties engaged in the debate.

During the discussion, Dean of Students Karl Lindholm noted that it was important to recognize that the disparity between the viewpoints of groups on campus was "philosophical one." The faculty position against the fraternity system, Dean Lindholm believes "condemns it on philosophical structural grounds, as an institution which is not in keeping with the academic aims of the college." In contrast, students favor the retention of fraternities because they look at it as a necessary social outlet.

Dean of the College John Emerson exhorted members of the SGA to vote as "individuals" concerned with what they believe to be in the best interest of the student body and not to vote on the basis of an assumption of the faculty position, adding later, "the viewpoints represented in the faculty are every bit as diverse as the ones in this room."

Space Bridge

A travelogue of talks with the Soviets

By Andrew Keith

5:00 a.m. came very early on Saturday, October 22nd, when 26 students, including our visiting Soviet students and Professors Macey and Liebowitz were gathering in the freezing drizzle out in front of Old Chapel. We were all going to Boston for a U.S./U.S.S.R. "Space Bridge." The "Space Bridge" was jointly sponsored by Tufts and Moscow State University and was held in the U.S. at W.G.B.H., Boston's public television station, and at Moscow State University in the Soviet Union.

As we climbed aboard the yellow Bet-Cha Transport school bus we were greeted by the almost perverse cheerfulness of Professor Liebowitz, who handed out juice, stale bran muffins and danish provided by Proctor. The five hour ride in the cold school bus was hell and we were very eager to get off the bus and get on with the Space Bridge. Unfortunately, none of us were very familiar with the streets of Boston and we couldn't get to the television station. Professor Macey, realizing that we were going to be late, grabbed Professor Liebowitz and the two of them jumped off the bus in search of a taxi that could lead us to the television station. Professor Liebowitz got a taxi and off we went, delayed only by a little fender bender and a fall by Professor Macey.

Arriving 30 minutes late, we were shown into the studio where the "Space Bridge" was already in progress. Our tardiness forced us to sit in the back of the studio where it was hard to see and hear the panel. We also got into the conversation in the middle so it took us a while to get into the swing of things. Tufts and Moscow State University have set up a series of these "Space Bridges" which they call "a global classroom," each dealing with a different topic common to both countries. Our topic was the 1963 Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Each country had a panel of experts who specialized in some aspect of the treaty or nuclear arms in general. It was rumored that Mike

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A run-in with Campus Security

By Greg Frezados

The famed Campus Security cruiser was involved in an accident with a student's car at approximately 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The drivers involved were Campus Security officer Frank Miller and senior Bob More.

According to More, the two cars met, coming from opposite directions at the curve on Hillcrest Road between the tennis courts and the adjacent cemetary. Both cars stopped at the curve with the drivers aware of each other, before the patrol car rolled forward and the cars collided.

"I looked at him. He looked at me. Then I guess his foot slipped off the brake," More said.

More said that about $750 of repairs will be needed for his car. He was reluctant to relate much else of the incident at the present time, saying he plans to take the case to court.

The Director of Campus Security, Peter Chenevert, basically concurred with More's account and blamed the rainy weather for the accident. According to Chenevert, Officer Miller's boots "were wet from the rain that day, causing his foot to slip." He said the damage to the cruiser will cost a little more than $1000. The College's insurance will pay for most of this cost, he said, and assumed that More's insurance would likewise handle the cost of repairing his own car.

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New faculty position to fill needs of struggling students

By Amy Hillier

Members of the faculty and administration recently created the position of Coordinator of Academic Support and are now looking to hire such a person to help students with special needs. The position will entail creating programs for students struggling academically and incorporating faculty members into such efforts.

The need for a Coordinator was first suggested by the Minority Advisory Council a year and a half ago. Faculty members and administrators pursued the idea, meeting together this summer to determine what such a position would involve. John McCardell, Dean of the Faculty, emphasized the process that resulted in the new job, describing it as an "exemplary way of defining and solving a problem constructively." The "collective wisdom" of faculty, staff and administration led to the decision to create the job and job description, he explained.

The coordinator will work with the Dean of Admissions, the Dean of Students and minority counselors, with the hope of identifying incoming freshmen with specific needs, and assist in the development of a Learning Center and tutoring program, according to the job description.

"There are a lot of students who come to Middlebury with gaps in their backgrounds," Provost Bruce Peterson explained. The admissions office seeks to identify talented and interesting students, he said, some of whom come to Middlebury with weaker backgrounds and who received secondary educations of a lower quality than most enjoyed. To avoid accepting any students with special needs, the admissions process would have to be limited to a "superficial" examination of applicants focusing primarily on grades. Such a change would prevent the College from being an interesting place, said Peterson.

Many students already take advantage of the available tutoring and writing programs, but more programs, especially in math-related areas, are needed, he said. The role of the Coordinator may be viewed as somewhat paternalistic, Peterson admitted, but it is hypocritical to want to admit interesting students and fail to help them overcome potential weaknesses once they are here. "We won't be able to solve all their problems," he said, "but we will be able to solve some."

Diplomat-in-residence brings students opportunity for Washington internships

by Paul Cusimano

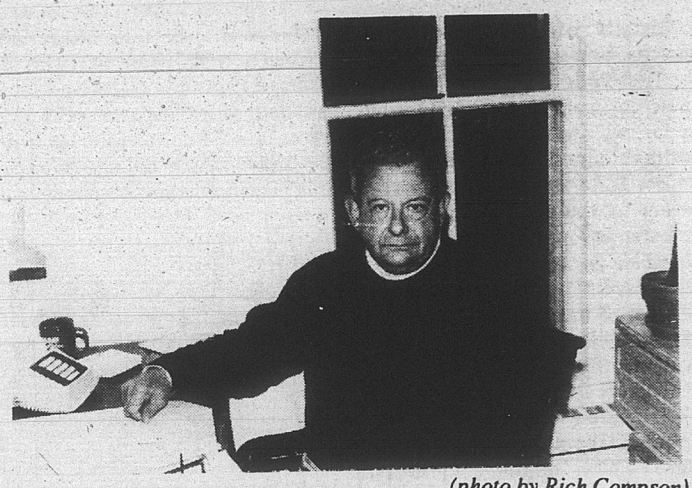
Middlebury has been guaranteed one paid student internship at the state department in Washington, DC this summer as a result of George Jaeger's presence at Middlebury as one of eight Diplomats-in-Residence across the United States. The internship is a "wonderful way of getting a sense and a flavor of the state department's work," Mr. Jaeger said.

Mr. Jaeger is in his second year with Middlebury with a State Department-supported program that aims to "bridge the gap," as he stated, between persons working in foreign affairs and the college community.

This year Mr. Jaeger plans to work with the communities of Vermont on awareness of the implications the Canada-U. S. Free Trade Pact would have on Vermont if passed later this year. A panel discussion is being arranged for Vermont radio or PBS that will include a U.S. trade pact negotiator and his Canadian counterpart.

Other foreign affairs events Mr. Jaeger is planning for November include a November 16 visit and talk by Arthur Berger, an official in the State Department on Middle East policy, and talks by other experts and Jaeger himself on the international aspects of environmental questions East-West security relations.

Mr. Jaeger will also teach a Winter Term course dealing with the United States' relationship with Canada and the proposed Free Trade Agreement. The students enrolled in the course will spend their first three weeks in Middlebury and then travel to Canada, visiting Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City for meetings with high-level Canadian officials.



Diplomat-in-residence George Jaeger *(photo by Rich Compson)*

Spring semester will find Mr. Jaeger instructing a seminar concerning security issues in the 1990's. Mr. Jaeger's active role in the following months stresses his "concern and eagerness to contribute" to the college and community.

George Jaeger's career in diplomatic service has spanned over thirty years, with assignments in Paris, Bonn, Berlin, Yugoslavia, and West Africa. Mr. Jaeger worked as staff director on President Nixon's Advisory Committee on Disarmament from 1970-1973 giving advice on policy concerning the ABM and SALT I treaties. He was a member of the U.S. Delegation to Geneva, which negotiated the Helsinki Final Act; Consul General in Quebec during Quebec's independence crisis; political counselor in the U.S. embassy in Ottawa and, most recently, deputy assistant secretary general for political affairs at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Information and applications for both the paid and unpaid internships at the State Department may be picked up in Steve Johansson's office at Career Counseling in Adirondack House. Interested students must act quickly, as all applications for the internships must be returned to George Jaeger's box in Hillcrest 4 by next Wednesday, November 9.

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The Campus Observer:
How Much For A Term Paper?

By John Renwick

I guess ever since some guy named Cliff read every book known to man, and then sold the notes he took on them, it's all been downhill. I mean, it was one thing when students could get their papers typed for them, but then along came those agencies that offered to actually *write* the papers for them. Ads appeared even in major publications, offering term papers of "collegiate quality", catered to the topic assigned and the grade desired, at only $6.50 a page — with "footnotes and bibliographic material *absolutely free* !!"

Then came those agencies that could provide the worried student (at a reasonable cost, of course) with past exams and answers, soon to be followed, inevitably, by agencies that were willing to actually *take* the exam for the student. (Which is really much more efficient, when you think about it).

Recently, I read about a student-run agency at a particular university in Texas. It sells class notes to students who either take poor notes in class, or can't make it to class on a particular day, or just don't feel like going. For a reasonably priced subscription, I suppose one could sleep in for the entire semester and still have the notes to study for the exam. And, after all, that's all that matters, right?

Now while I'm not exactly bothered by the presence of these "agencies" — although I can't say I've ever been one of their clients either — it does have something to say about today's college education. The fact that many of these "educational assistance" agencies apparently do a considerable amount of business might tell us just how much more we college students today are concerned with grades than we are with the pursuit of knowledge, and the full experience of higher learning. Indeed, we seem to spend four years here being churned through the ol' "diploma mill," trained simply to get through, pick up our degree and maybe even a strong G.P.A. — which would be nice — and move on. Of course there are exceptions, though I'm not one of them, nor do I know many other people who aren't affected by this B.A. machine mentality. I mean, how many times have you learned an entire semester to date in one night, and, although you may now actually be an expert of sorts on the subject, be solely concerned with getting a decent grade on tomorrow's exam, rather than be proud to know what you now know? And then, how many times have you forgotten what you learned, only three days later? How many times has there been a special educational function that you would have

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Students Act As Translators For CNN News In The Soviet Union

By Dawn Blalock

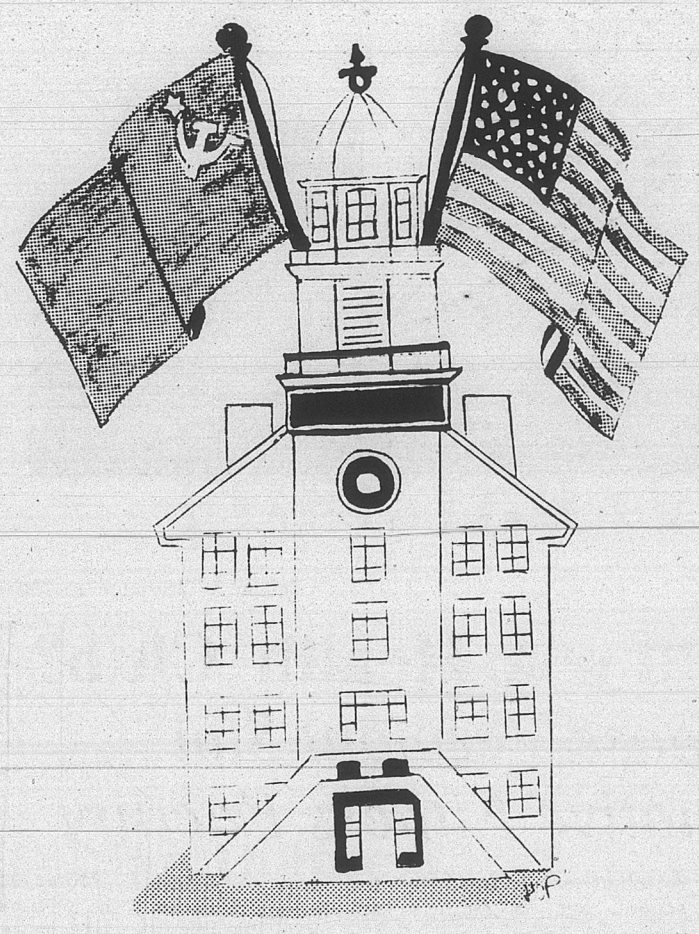
Imagine living on the same floor as Dan Rather, Sam Donaldson and Peter Jennings. Or eating dinner with Peter Carrault. Or better yet being involved in the U.S.-Soviet summit meetings that took place this summer. That is exactly the experience that seven Middlebury students studying at the Russian language school had this summer.

Two weeks before the semester in the Soviet Union was suppposed to end, Middlebury alumna Ruth Oxenberg, a free-lance journalist for CNN, came to the Pushkin Institute to recruit Middlebury students as translators for the CNN news team. She had also covered the Moscow Special Olympics in 1984 and recruited Middlebury students for that event.

Responsibilities of the students were varied. Although they weren't translating for Reagan or Gorbachev directly, they did have to translate for the CNN workers of whom almost none knew Russian and often had to work in very high stress situations.

Said participant, Stephanie Galbreath, '89, "we made ourselves available. We would be milling around the lobby and with walkie talkies people would call us and say, 'Oh my God, what does this mean?' and we would immediately translate it." However some of the vocabulary was not the usual sort that one would learn in a Middlebury classroom. Stephanie found herself, "up on the roof with engineers using a dictionary to look up words like 'fuse breaker' and 'outlet.'"

The roof of the downtown Moscow hotel was not the only unusual place Stephanie found herself. All the workers were given press passes, or dog tags, allowing them access to normally restricted places. Stephanie



accompanied the CNN camera crew to the Boshoi Ballet where she translated an interview with the prima ballerina and attended the benefit performance.

She also translated interviews with Jewish hunger strikers who were demonstrating and Peter Arnet, the pulitzer prize winning journalist. "A lot of the time I didn't know what was going on until I actually got there," she said.

Margie McGinnis also worked for CNN as a night dispatcher for the Russian drivers and the CNN employees. "I was responsible for finding cars and drivers and telling them where to go." Most of the reporters knew so little Russian that they needed translators like Margie just to give directions.

Her job allowed her a large amount of exposure to Russian people. "I got to know the drivers really well from hours of listening to their stories, talking about their families and lives, and their asking questions about the United States." When asked which system she thought was better, "I answered that I could not know. They are really incomparable."

Margie said her experience was, "Invaluable. It made me grow a lot and learn a lot about myself and other people. " She is interested in going back to the Soviet Union and getting a job there.

John Mackin was another Middlebury student who worked at the summit this summer, but his experience was a little bit different. He worked at CBS and he was paid $100 a day which he says, "is very little since I was a student. A high quality translator would get seven times that." Along with the salary were the fringe benefits: CBS paraphernalia and normal food for the week. "It was so nice knowing I wouldn't have to wait on line for food and that it would be good."

"My position was not that important," said John about his work translating Pravda articles, getting people around Moscow, giving taxi drivers directions, and doing voice-overs for the Boston news radio station WEEI.

The Press Center "felt like the center of the universe." His reaction is not surprising, considering John became accustomed to seeing Dan Rather and Charles Carrault in the hotel dining room. He was disappointed in Dan Rather, describing him as "always dolled up in make-up and surrounded by CBS personnel. He struck me as a puppet but Charles Carrault seemed intelligent."

John spent two summers at the Middlebury language schools and is a Russian and Soviet Area Studies major. Middlebury left him feeling prepared. "The opportunity to learn as much as you want to learn is there if you are motivated."

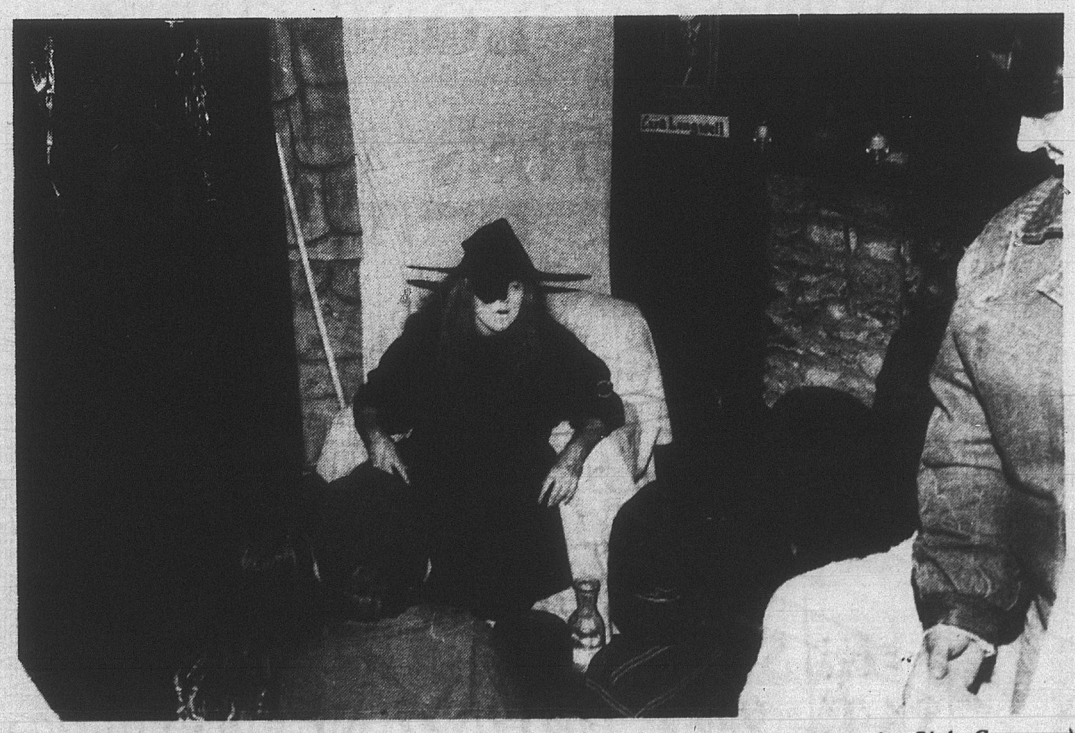
Halloween At The Longwell House:
Organ Music Thunders From The Bowels Of The House

By Leslie Humphries

"Uh-uh, no way no way NO WAY- if they make me stick my hands in yucky stuff and tell me it's eyballs, I'm LEAVING." Are these the words of a terrified, petulant five-year-old, dragging her feet before the traditional Halloween haunted house? Well, sort of...those are my words, uttered last Saturday night, in front of Longwell, and I happen to be a nineteen-year-old, ahem, adult.

Honestly, it was downright spooky: black clouds scudded across the sky, now and then permitting a glimpse of the phosphorescent moon, dead leaves rattled over the pavement, and organ music thundered from the bowels of the darkened house... the whole bit. I suspected I was not in for some cheeseball, day-glo amusement park ride. I was right.

The house was divided up into five parts. Upon entering, I was greeted by this wonderful witch, Elisa Barruchieri's mother. Her role was to tell the "story" of the Longwells: a chilling little tale fabricated by Deirdre Heerkin, in which all the deceased family members are buried in the basement, "but the college bought the house anyway because it needed more space for its students." Some of my fingernails were solicited for the skull stew, but I couldn't spare any.



Longwell Haunted House *(photo by Rich Compson)*

Next, I was urged through a clammy curtain of black plastic garbage bags, seated in a chair, and wheeled under a strobe light. Hundreds of ghoulish faces leered at me from every side. After that came the kitchen, bathed in an eerie green glow, where three witches were brewing up something I assumed was truly repellent (though it turned out to be apple cider). And THEN, the best part... the dreaded Longwell graveyard in the basement. Courtesy of Weylin and Gavin Symes, weird synthesizer music played in the background, and scattered stones stretched out into

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Vermont Sun Health Club (photo by Meredith K. Neider)

Is Middlebury A Health Club?

Students Choose Vermont Sun As An Alternative Fitness Facility

By Catherine Eells

As the cold weather closes in on Middlebury, many students begin to look indoors for an equivalent to their warmer weather workout. As it currently stands, Middlebury college offers to its students an indoor track, daily aerobics classes, an indoor pool, indoor tennis and squash courts, one medium sized weight room, and one very small room with a minimal Universal circuit. For some students, these facilities are inadequate.

"I like to exercise and I don't feel the school provides me with adequate facilities" said senior Charlotte Bergmans in reference to the school's aerobic program. Aerobics are offered by the school, but its facilities are limited. The room lacks ventilation, the floor promotes shin splints, the nearest water fountain is in Fletcher or the first floor weight room, and the size and structure of the room allows only 35 people per class.

Said Wendy Bagwell, a student aerobics teacher, "the facilities are in no way tailored for aerobics. Its like playing football on a tile floor. The risk of injury is enormous." Bagwell later added, "the school has done nothing in terms of providing adequate facilities and equipment to recognize that aerobics as a legitimate, extremely popular form of fitness." Moreover, because this room is the only one of its kind in the field house, every team and club must share it for meetings. Hence aerobics classes are forced to meet at very inconvenient times.

For those who can swim, play tennis, or play squash, the time available for the use of those facilities is limited. Teams have priority and scheduling a workout around those teams can prove difficult.

As for the two weight rooms, finding a time when the larger weight room is not crowded is difficult and the small weight room is exactly that, small. At most, five people can comfortably work out in there at one time. Like the aerobics room, neither weight room is adequately ventilated.

As an alternative, many students have decided to exercise at the town's health spa , Vermont Sun. Its program currently includes aerobics classes three times daily, free weights, Paramount resistance machinery, stationary bikes, computerized joggers, Concept II rowing machines, cross country skiing simulators, whirlpools, saunas, and tanning salons. Even this program schedule is soon to be expanded.

Many Middlebury students have turned to Vermont Sun because they like to get away from the campus and work out on their own. Asked why she goes to Vermont Sun, one senior student responded, "Vermont Sun has indoor facilities that the school does not have. It has an attentive staff and offers a chance for me to get away." Another senior explained that "Vermont Sun is more anonymous than the school weight room." With a student rate of $220 for eight months, the health club offers a reasonable fee.

However, one must look at this situation from another point of view. Middlebury College should provide athletic facilities for its students, and that it does. There is an excellent Physical Education Department which offers classes in everything from archery to hydro-gym training. For those who do not compete on a varsity or junior varsity team, there are club teams and many intramural teams offered. And finally, those indoor facilities already mentioned have been provided and a new and improved weight room should be completed by spring.

According to R.H.A. and student aerobics teacher Anya Puri, "Middlebury College is not a health club. It is not a service that Middlebury should provide." A number of students belong to health clubs at home and are used to having several rowing machines, stationary bikes, the entire Universal Super Circuit, a pool, or a cross country skiing machine at their disposal. It would be very costly for Middlebury to provide all of this kind of equipment. But then again, students do not really expect Middlebury to be a health spa. What we can reasonably ask for is an improvement on the facilities we have and a few possible additions. The new weight room is a good start.

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Haunted

the distance. There were also plenty of strategically placed beasties, ready to pop out and make you shriek.

Once through the graves, it was time to go upstairs. I could have had my fortune told and stuck my hands in yucky stuff, but instead wound up chatting with Catherine Cardwell, a properly bespangled, mystical gypsy. I passed on the ground-up bones and grape-flavored eyeballs offered by Melanie Friedlander and Delilah Poupore, a truly funny hunchback.

All the spectres were endlessly in search of tender young flesh to put in one concoction or another. Over the course of the two nights that the Haunted House was in operation,"The theme of eating children just developed somehow," said senior witch, Wendy White. "We had such a good time, scaring people!"

According to Wendy White, the general premise was "you can startle anyone." She wanted to avoid the blood, guts and gore that made her youthful haunted house experiences so unpleasant. Although the house was planned for local children, "we managed to scare college kids and parents, too," Wendy happily informed me.

To clear up the confusion for those of you who aren't sure what Longwell is, it's the Italian house that operates on the same immersion principle as the Chateau — everyone tries to speak Italian on a daily basis. Along with the other residents, Elisa Barruchieri, Lisabetta Casalini, Jessica Thonn, Scott Barber, and House Director Kevin Marvelli, Wendy asked me to mention the many who were instrumental in making the haunted house such a success: Caleb Barber, who contributed artwork for the posters, Jane Keller, Steve VanWeede, Soraya Diaz, Elizabeth Wilson, Nicole Devito, Crystal Sylvester, Teresa Loughlin, Sharon Corey, and Pamela Lynn Smith, among others.

Since Longwell doesn't qualify as a club and the Longwell dorm fund amounts to twelve dollars, funding proved difficult. Nevertheless,there are many enthusiasts who hope to see the haunted house return next year... including myself. I might even try the yucky stuff next time.

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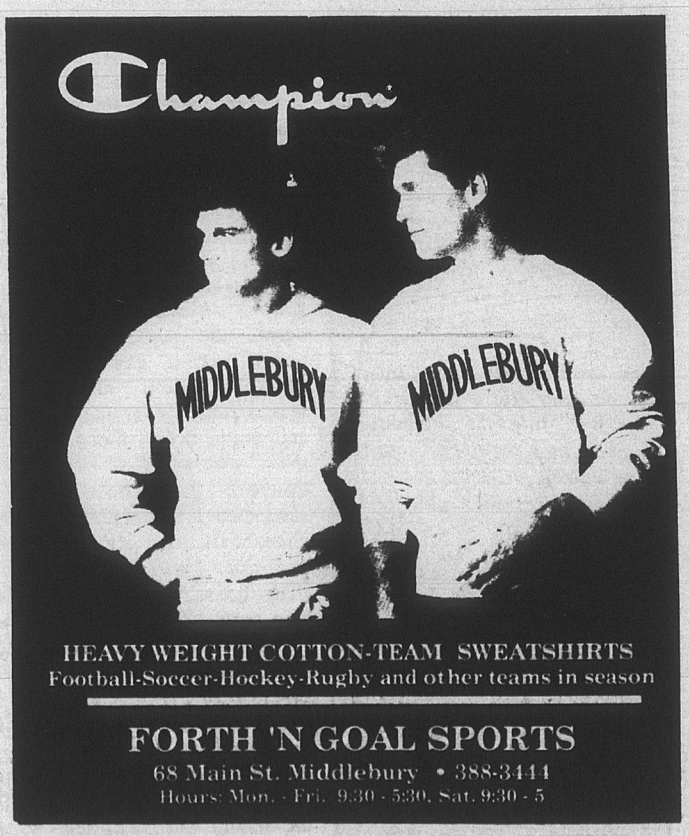
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Pogo For President

By Philip Mahoney

The 1988 Presidential Campaign has seen a tremendous amount of dissatisfaction over the candidates of both major political parties. It is far from uncommon to hear someone express distaste over the prospect of either Michael Dukakis or George Bush becoming the Custodian of The Button. It is in the interest of keeping our readers informed of all their options that **The Campus** asks you to consider the candidacy of Pogo Possum.

Pogo, a political veteran, has missed only two Presidential elections since his first bid in 1952. Rallying his supporters to the slogan, "I GO POGO," he sees himself as a strong alternative to

that Michael Dukakis was recently referred to as "Wilsonian", reminded reporters that he himself is often referred to as "marsupial."

"I may not know beans from brown bread," said Pogo, "but does Michael Dukakis know okra from collard greens?"

Pogo's strategy against George Bush requires him to call up skills learned on the baseball field. "It will be a picture's duel," predicted Pogo. "Which candidate will get his picture in front of the public the most?"

The Pogo Party is the only political party with a female vice presidential candidate. Mam'selle Hepzibah, a skunk with a French accent, is determined to hold up her end of the ticket. "Lloyd Bentsen, ze Democrats' vice presidential candidate, claims he'll speak up if the Duke slips up in the Oval Office," said Hepzibah at a recent press conference. "Ze Republicans boast of an ethics committee in the White House. In the unlikely chance that Pogo runs amuck, I'll not only verbally berate him, I'll raise a stink."

Hepzibah is also doing her part in the campaigning. Pogo credits her with the idea of jump starting the campaign through music. Early in the campaign the Charlie Daniels Band and Queen Ida and her Bon Temps Zydeco Band gave concerts in honor of the Pogo ticket. "I decided we had to spice up ze campaign if we are to win," said Hepzibah. "Zydeco music is HOT, danceable and uniquely American ethnic family music. Ze college students and baby boomers will dance into the polls for us in November."

On the down side, Pogo is no more dynamic a public speaker than the other two candidates. He relies primarily on books to forward his philosophy for

America. "Pluperfect Pogo," his latest work, was recently published by Fireside/ Simon & Schuster.

The Pogo Platform shows Pogo's commitment to resolving some of the most disturbing issues of the day. A primary concern of Pogo's is the environment. His commitment on this issue dates far back. His most famous quote dates back to Earth Day in 1971. "We have met the enemy and he is us." Pogo believes this is even more relavent today than it was then. Cleaning up the environment would be a top priority in a Pogo Administration.

Pogo also believes he would have an advantage when it comes to foriegn affairs. He is the only candidate with a prehensile tail. Pogo believes this will allow him a firm grasp on all issues, foriegn and domestic.

Pogo would appoint Albert the Alligator "The Admiral of the Dope War." Yet Albert's effectiveness would be somewhat limited because, according to Hepzibah, "Of course, he will not enter the state of Florida until the

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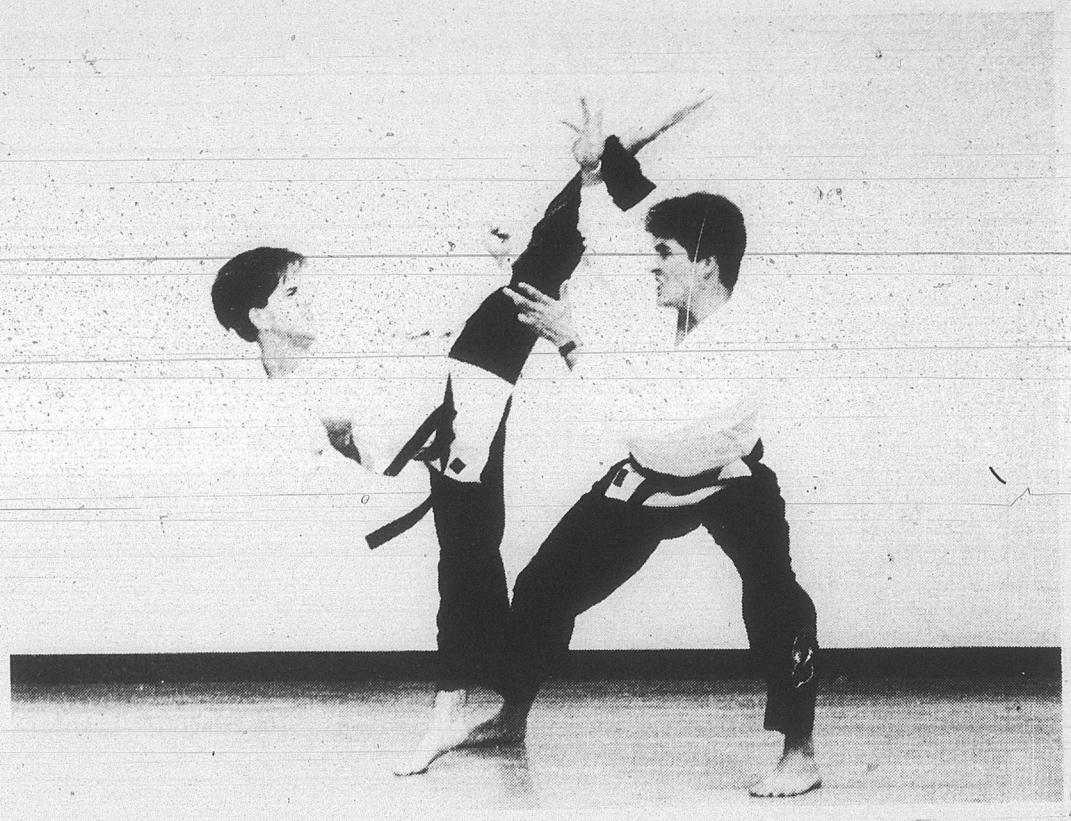

Dave Karkut and Stu Maeder *(photo by Rich Compson)*

Martial Arts Club boasts accomplished black belts

By Maura K. Phelan

The Martial Arts Club may be one of the less known organizations on campus, however the enthusaism and knowledge of the members will most certainly lead to more student involvement as ths year progresses. David Karkut '90, the Martial Arts Club President, welcomes men and women to join.

Karkut, a black belt, took over as club President last year. He teaches classes for p.e. credit and also offers private lessons for interested sutdents. Karkut has been a karate enthusiast since the age of twelve, when he began self-defence classes through the American Karate program. "It was something I excelled at very easily. Karate brought me a long way both mentally and pysically. I now continue the sport ot keep in shape and because I enjoy teaching others," he said.

The Martial Arts Club meets informally Monday and Wednesday from seven to eight-thirty on the second floor gym classroom. Monday night classes are open to all. Karkut noted that a substantial number of women participate in his classes. Karkut teaches self-defence and self-confidence tactics. Karkut stresses that although Karate can be taken for p.e. credit, the atmosphere is very relaxed in his class. "For the beginners I teach warm up techniques and a general overall introduction to the Martial arts. Anyone who is present can contribute information. I encourage others to share their karate knowledge," said Karkut.

The Wednesday club meetings are for advanced students to practice their sparring skills. Karkut noted that Middlebury boasts at least four accomplished Black Belts who are members of the Martial Arts Club. Stu Maeder '89, a Black Belt and Martial Arts Club member, is particularly pleased with the recent allocation of money to the club. The club has greater potential to grow now that the college has allocated for new equipment. Said Stu Maeder, "The school has bought new floor pads and sparring equipment. The funding also pays for tournament entrance fees for club members. We were able to travel to the U.S. Open National Championships in Madison Square Garden last year. It is great that we will be able to afford to travel to other tournaments this year."

The Martial Arts Club is eager for any new participants. Maeder hopes that the club will perform a karate demonstration next semester for the college community.

Ellie's Farm Market displays over 500 jack-o-lanterns on Halloween night

By Anne Demarre

With a display of over 500 jack-o-lanterns perched on a road side hill, Ellie's Farm Market in Northfield, Vermont shines a new light into Halloween night.

Karen and Bill Moynihan own both the market and the farm which supplies the market with its produce. Nine years ago, the couple decided to thank the community for its continued support by carving fifty pumpkins, putting candles in them, and displaying them next to their store on Halloween night. Since then, the number of jack-o-lanterns has grown with an increased public appreciation. This year the Moynihans carved and displayed over 500 pumpkins.

The Moynihans display pumpkins from their own patches. Due to the dry conditions this fall and worried that only a small crop would be harvested, they set up a temporary irrigation system and planted an additional crop. Said Karen Moynihan, "The result was overwhelming."

Interestingly, not all the jack-o-lanterns displayed were the typical smooth orange ones. Karen stated, "when it is dark outside, the only part visible is the carved part through which the light shines. We therefore use the green, unperfected ones for the carving extravaganza and save the traditional orange, round ones to sell to the customers."

All the pumpkins are carved the week before Halloween. On the day before Halloween, the family arranges the carved beauties on the hill behind the store. The hill is about twenty-five feet high and forty feet wide. The leaf covered ground and the bare trees on the hill make a perfect setting for the Halloween celebration. Senior Sue Palmer, a jack-o-lantern lover and road tripper, referred to the extravaganza as, "a true Vermont experience."

Karen and her husband Bill carve all 500 pumpkins. Karen does most of the actual carving; her husband Bill and their two children help by scooping out all the seeds. Karen said, "I have had friends in the community offer to help carve pumpkins, but if others outside the family had helped, it wouldn't be the same. This display of jack-o-lanterns is an expression of thanks to the local community for their continued business throughout the year."

Karen insists that all jack-o-lanterns be individual. Her favorites are the "wacky and fun" designs. She claims that even if offered $100, she could not produce the traditional jack-o-lantern. "I wouldn't know where to begin!"

In appreciation of the display, tourists and members of the community have offered money to the Moynihan family. Refusing the money for their personal use, the Moynihans now donate the money to charity.

Each year, the Moynihans donate all the collected money to the Vermont chapter of a chosen charity. The Green Mountain Coffee Roasters contribute to the cause through providing coffee and donuts. All proceeds from these sales also go to charity. This year over $1000 was collected and given to the Vermont chapter of the American Lung Association.

"The display of jack-o-lanterns is an expression of thanks to the local community for their continued business throughout the year"

Due to the growing crowds and increased interest in the display, Karen and Bill now close the store three hours early two nights out of the year instead of just one. They close shop to prepare for the thousands of people that will pass through the small town of Northfield. To ensure that none of the pumpkins are vandalized, Karen and Bill take turns with the all night pumpkin watch.

For all you pumpkin seed lovers, if next Halloween you run short, the six bushels of seeds collected from these pumpkin "inards" are put outside the store for people to share. However, the remaining seeds do not go to waste. The Moynihans feed the extra seeds to their pigs.

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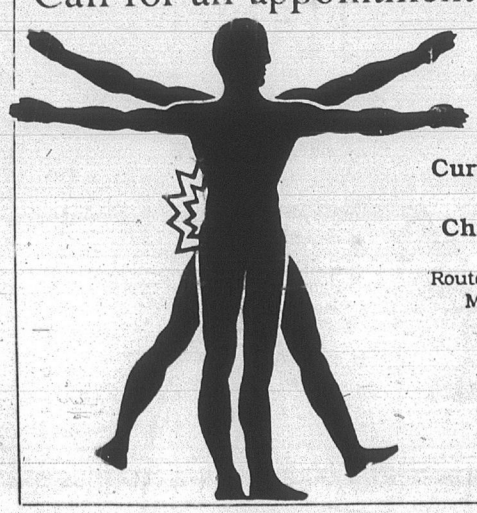

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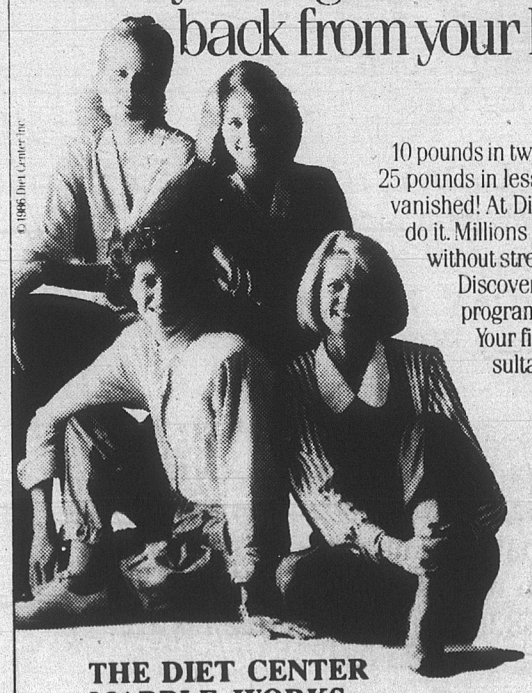

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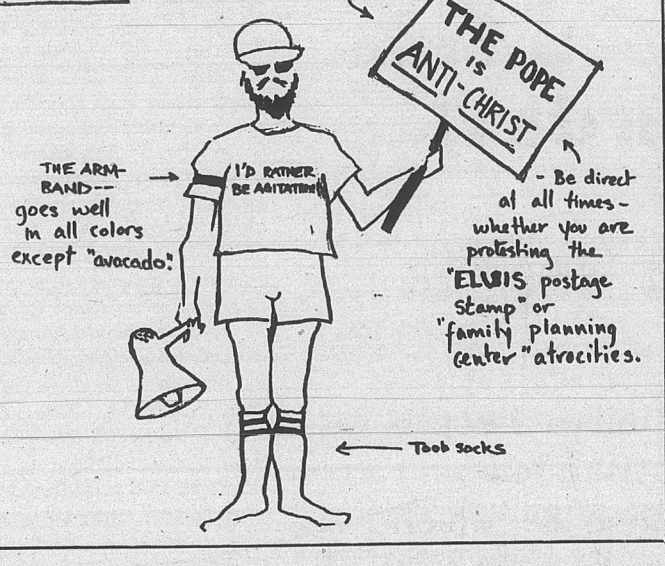
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alligator hunting season is over."

Finally, and most importantly to the members of the Pogo Party, is the question of voter registration and turnout. "Our goal is to alert the public and college students in particular to exercise their civic duty to register and then VOTE."

Voters can certainly gain from examining the candidates for the Pogo party. Certain positions held by the Pogoists show an extraordinary clarity of vision. Not the least of these is Pogo's reason for seeking the Presidency. "In 1988 it is wise to run — and maybe scream a little."

How much for a term paper?

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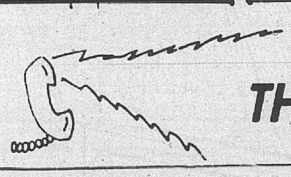
been interested in attending, but just didn't feel like going? And you would have almost *paid* someone to go for you, and tell you all about it.

It is not that we don't learn anything at our higher institutions, but it's plain to see where all these little "academic-helper" agencies are coming from. And while I have never heard about any of them present here at Middlebury, I've been thinking maybe we should get involved with these agencies, and not go half way on this, either. In addition to private agencies that provide the student with completed term papers, problem sets, class notes, exams, essays, poems, short stories, theses, English Comps, thank you letters, resumes, LSAT's, graduate school applications, crossword puzzles, paintings and oral presentations, Middlebury should have services that will take the required physical education classes for you, go to the special lectures, eat your meals at Proctor, print up tickets to various parties, call home, register your classes, use the rest rooms, open your mailbox, and haggle over your parking tickets.

Oh, and if this article bored you to tears, don't blame me — I bought it for $2.05 a paragraph. I dropped a little over six bucks, but I made the deadline, didn't I?

WELL, I GUESS HALLOWEEN IS OVER...
THANK GOD!
I REMEMBER I USED TO HAVE CANDY LEFT FOR MONTHS AFTERWARDS...
I HATED THOSE CANDY CORN THINGS!
I WONDER WHAT THE KIDS GOT THIS YEAR!
BURP!!



THIS IS MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE!

BY JEFF POTTER and PETER BETHKE

THIS WEEK THERE WERE SEVERAL DISTRACTIONS IN THE FABRIC OF STUDENT LIFE...
I DRAGGED EVERY PIECE OF CLOTHING I OWN FROM WEYBRIDGE, AND THERE ARE NO LAUNDRY TICKETS?!
NO TICKETS
NOPE.
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THE PHONE SITUATION UPSET BOTH FEMALE AND MALE.
I CAN'T CALL BEN IN RUSSIA!
NO PIZZA CELLAR!
I CAN'T CALL--ANYONE!
NEITHER CAN I. GIRLS, THAT IS.
PEOPLE WERE REDUCED TO STUFFING FOREIGN OBJECTS IN THE MACHINES.
MIGHT AS WELL USE A PHOTO OF MY GIRLFRIEND - SHE DOESN'T CALL ME ANYWAY.
PEOPLE STARTED GETTING THE JITTERS ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE WITH MASSIVE BREAKDOWNS IN THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.
REST ASSURED THE COLLEGE HAS A MASTER BACKUP PHONE PLAN IN THE EVENT OF SYSTEM FAILURE.
REMEMBER WAX-STRING-AND-TIN-CAN-PHONES?
THIS IS MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE! IF YOU ARE CALLING FROM A TOUCH-TONE... ...CAN?...
I STILL CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THE PIZZA CELLAR!!
HELLO, STUDENT INFORMATION- HOLD THE CAN- HELLO, STUDENT INFORMATION...
MY THESIS IS ALL WRONG?!
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Yet some of you may still be unclear just what Phonathon 1988 is all about. It's about **PARTICIPATION**. We ask students to call recent graduates, the classes from 1980 to 1988. Sure, you ask them for donations, but only as a means of creating a connection to the school and increasing our alumni participation. Presently Middlebury is one of only 27 colleges and universities in the country which can claim an alumni participation rate greater than 50%. Today we stand at 51.2% and the goal is 53% by the end of this fiscal year.

Sign up for any or all nights! We begin at 6:30 p.m. We tell you all you need to know. The place is Old Chapel 1, the dates are:

Nov. 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17

ARTS

THEATRE REVIEW: "...dreamer" examined

by Chris Duva

From the skid row blues segue into African drums opening music the audience knows this is not going tobe a normal evening at the theatre.

...the dreamer examines his pillow by John Patrick Shanley (directed by Richard Romagnoli) came through on that promise for its entire uninterrupted 90 minute performance. The play starts off with a lightning bolt entrance by Donna (Annette Toutonghi) and never loses intensity.

Okay, here's the quick insufficient play summary: Donna, Tommy's (Matthew Longman) ex-girlfriend visits Tommy because he's hitting on her sister. Tommy can't promise to stay away from her because he's going through an identity crisis of sorts. Donna then visits her Dad (B. St. John Schofield) to discuss her feelings about Tommy. She persuades Dad to knock some sense into her confused boyfriend, who is beginning to frighteningly resemble Dad. Dad, after going through some indentity crises of his own, visits Tommy, decides Donna's right and the two are symbolically wed by Dad.

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Sound like a simple happy ending. It's not. . . .*dreamer* deals with issues of identity, love, the role of parenthood and more, sometimes contradicting itself but keeping you on your toes constantly. ...*dreamer* is a rocky ride. You could only come to grips with the immensity of its messages if you saw it last weekend.

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That's just the script, all the other elements, performance, direction, set, lights, etc. had to connect in order to make it work. This weekend's production did exactly that. It clicked in a way that made it a joy to watch. So, keeping that in mind, I would just like to get the negatives out of the way. It seemed that Toutonghi and Longman took a while to find their rhythm in the very poetic styles which Shanley has written ...*dreamer*. But, when that rhythm was found, it flowed beautifully. The only other problem seemed to be that not enough time was spent on the physical parts of the first scene (and there were quite a few); many of the pushes and scrapes seemed forced. Probably due to a lack of familiarity with the space.

Longman's Tommy struck the balance of charisma and desperation that was needed. Romagnoli's direction illuminated this duplicity. We can laugh, but still care. In fact, much of the humor comes from the sad truth of their situations. Longman's tough physicality played nicely against his internal anguish.

Matthew Longman and Annette Toutonghi *(photo by Erik Borg)*

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Toutonghi's Donna starts out as a spit–fire. Her performance could have stayed there. But, she added elements of sensitivity, humor and anguish that perfectly rounded her character. Toutonghi has an off–beat sense of humor that was right on target, and got some of the biggest laughs of the evening. For me it is impossible to discuss Schofield's performance, because their was no performing, only Dad. We can only hope that he was not serious in stating that ...*dreamer* is his final stage appearance this century.

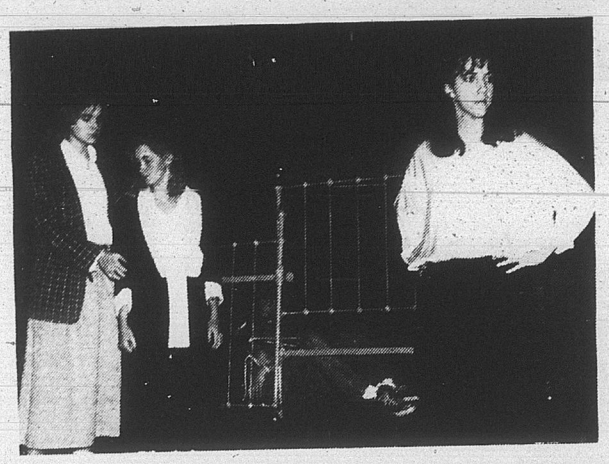
Thomas Meyer's set was fantastic. In the first and last scene, Tommy's place, a desolate "shithole" as both Donna and Dad describe was created beautifully by only a refrigerator, mattress and chewed up wall. The same exact set was turned into Dad's almost Gothic throne room with a 180 degree turn of a wall in scene two. In this scene Dad is dwarfed by a huge, striking nude called "The Wrong Woman" (actually painted by Meyer). Meyer's design seamlessly complemented both the script and Romagnoli's direction.

The chemistry created by these three under the guidance of Romagnoli never really faltered. Romagnoli kept an intense pace throughout, but the performances were so clear there was no real need to let the audience rest. It all fit extremely well. Considering the complexity of the language and weight of the message, it would be difficult to pick a harder play to pull off. But, somehow they did it.

WRMC ANNOUNCES FALL 1988 SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00am		The Morning Show				Folk: Tom Powers	Jazz
						Susanne Johnson	Helen Silverberg
9:00am	Folk: Matt Warren	Donna Moore	Dave Liebman	Donna Moore	Caitlin McCarthy	Nelda Holder	Maggie Wilkinson
	Emily Stone	Josh Halberg	Sarah White	Lana Fuller	Sarah Martel	Heald & Lombard	
1:00am	Pam Smith	Greg Western	Kurt Broderson	Becky Blier	Mark Lieberfreund	Urban Contemp.	Nicola Bradley &
		AP NEWS AT NOON			& Michelle Martin	Laura Rude	Vanessa Trien
1:00pm	The Afternoon Classical		Concert	Mark Balsamo &	Block Party w/	Greg Davison	Nigel Henry
	Elizabeth Daub	Gary Nicholson	Jeff Clark	Andy Kepes	Mark Dimond		
3:00pm	Chip Hart	Aniko Nakazawa &	Tammy Taylor	Karla Rice	Bill Tobin	Mark Adelburger	Merideth Neider
		Liz Brown					
5:00pm	Reggae	German Show	French Show	Best of Broadway	Johannes Emharth,	Urban Contemp.	Karen Kehoe
		Chinese Show	Russian Show	Radio Theatre	Jackie Belden &	Phillipe Largent	Knowledge is Good
7:00pm	Jazz in the Evening		David Toman	Jonathan Frierich	Allison Ross	Sean Ferguson	Sunday Edition
	Jennifer DeMerritt	Ian Kelly			Todd Stanley		Sportstalk
9:00pm	Unknown Pleasures	Gordon Streeter	Matt Pakos	Steve Long	Rock in a	Nick Goodman &	Blast From
	w/Chris Cahill				Hard Place	Bobby Downs	The Past
11:00pm	Amy Leith	Tom Meyer	Scott Goldman	Tom Hummel	Andy Merlis	Seth Richardson	Dan Durland &
							Larry Maxwell
1:00am	Pete Gries	Shawn Miller	Wendy Williams &	Carolyn Berry &	Alec Smith &	Mark Ely &	Ursula Shaffer &
			Irene McDonnell	Cathy Cape	Matt Disco	Mike Brittain	Heather Cheney
3:00am	Matt Slaughter	Jean DeMontibello	James Christian	Mike Yanakakis	Mustafa Topiwalla	Tricia Mangold &	Todd Capute,
		& Chis Raczkowoski			& Haig Demarjian	Emily Locke	Chris Reiner &
							John Thomas
5:00am	Craig Hadjuk &	Matt Warren	John Renwick &	Duncan Evans	Tracey Spruce &	Daryl Miller	Ben Rosenfield
	Mike Jeram		Graham Goldsmith		Kate Moriarty		

EXTREMITIES



(photo by Beth Lasell)

You are a young woman, alone, single, in the living room of a New Jersey farmhouse. In the fireplace, bound from head to toe and completely blind, is the man who only hours earlier attempted to rape and kill you. In the interval you have beaten him with a shovel and a poker, poured boiling water on him, doused him with ammonia and Chlorox, and started digging a grave for him in the backyard. You are fine, that is, physically you are unharmed, when your roommates arrive home. You expect sympathy, empathy, and understanding, but with no physical evidence, convincing them and a male-dominated society that you were justified won't be easy.

Thus does William Mastrosimone set up the subject of his gripping drama, *Extremities*. The man in the fireplace is hurt. He needs medical attention. You have been humiliated, threatened, degraded. now you are asked to be merciful, for you own sake. This intense study of attempted rape and society's burden of proof runs Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6 in the Hepburn Zoo, with performances at 8:00 pm daily and a Sunday matinee at 4:00. The 500 project of Junior Phoebe Wood, the cast also includes Junior Paige Walker and Sophomores Andrea Schaefer and Christopher Duva. *Extremities* is directed by Eric Winick '90 and designed by Wood and Matt Stewart '90. Stewart will serve as lighting designer and tech director, with Amanda Uhry '89 as stage manager. Tickets are $1 and may be purchased at the door or by reservation at the Wright Theater Box Office, Extension 5608.

Director Winick describes the show as "a challenge, whatever way you look at it. The message of the show has far more validity than Mastrosimone's writing, but the three terrified, feuding roomates is great. The audience is in for one hell of a ride, asking themselves some key questions when it's over. That one can understand the roommates' dismay, and Marjorie (Phoebe)'s outrage at the same time may be a bit disconcerting. The play enables the audience member to do just that, to see this act from all sides. It forces people to reexamine their own ideas about rape and the burden of proof. And theater which makes you think is probably the best kind going."

Vermont Happenings

Fri. Nov. 4

The American Movie Club presents *Catch 22*, 7&9:30 pm,$2.50 w/i.d. $1.50, Dana Aud.

Theatre Dept. presents *Extremities* by William Mastrosimone,8pm, Hepburn Zoo, performances also Nov. 5&6

Vermont Mozart Festival presents The Talich Quartet, First Congregational Church, Burlington, 8pm, tix $8/13.50, 862-7352

A Chorus Line Flynn Theatre,Burlington, 8 pm, tix $5.50/$9.50, 86-Flynn, performances also Nov. 5&6

Fool for Love , Vt. Repertory Theatre, Burlington, 7:30 pm, tix $10/$12.50, 655-9620, performance also Sat.Nov. 5

Sat. Nov. 5

College Street Film/Video Series: *When Father was away on Business*, 4&7pm, Twilight Hall

Color Photograph Exhibition by David Carlson at Woody's Restaurant thru. Nov.11, 388-4182

Sun. Nov. 6

Mary Ann Samuels and Karen Downey, coffeehouse singers, Burlington Community Boathouse,3-5pm, $2.00, 658-9300 ext.123

Mon. Nov. 7

Women and Film /Video Series presents *Double Indemnity*, 7:30 pm, Twilight Lecture Hall

Hollywood Film Genres: *It's a Wonderful Life*, 7:30 pm, Twilight Lecture Hall

Tues. Nov. 6

Music Dept: Student Voice Recital, Johnson Rehearsal Hall, 7:30 pm

Genre Film: *Nosferatu* 2pm, Dana Aud.

Wed. Nov. 7

Women and Film/Video Series: *Klute*, 7:30 pm, Twilight Lecture Hall

Hollywood Film Genres: *Written on the Hand* 7pm, Dana Aud.

Shepards Fool for Love ,presented by VT. Repertory Theatre, performances Wed.-Sun thru Nov. 19, 7:30 pm,tix $10/$12.50, 655-9620 weekdays 10am-4pm

Thurs. Nov. 8

French Dept: *L'Argent de Poche* ,7&9pm, Dana Aud.

Russian and Soviet Areas Studies Video: Repentance 7:30 pm, Twilight Hall

Fri. Nov. 9

The American Movie Club: *The Big Chill*, 7&9:30 pm,$2.50 or w/I.D.$1.50, Dana Aud.

Vermont Contemporary Ensemble, St. Paul's, Burlington, tix $4/$6, 8pm, 864-0471

Sat. Nov. 12

College Street Film/Video Series: *El Sur* ,4&7pm, Twilight Hall

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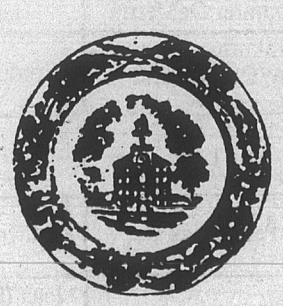

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Death by Smoke Inhalation or a Good Time?

by Tom Jacobs

Back in the early 80s when I was a little lad, the term "clubbing" conjured up images of a heinous crime committed against baby harp seals. Today, the word has an entirely different connotation. Today "clubbing" is a slang form of the verb "clubare", which translated from the Latin means "to go to a small room packed with unfamiliar people and sweat while gyrating frenetically to music." We've all gone "clubbing" at one point or another in our lives, and looking back, I believe most of the hype associated with it was overrated.

I remember the first time I performed the Act (of clubbing). I was fourteen at the time and my friend Mark suggested we go to the Silo for what was then called "Teen Nite." This was the evening that the Silo, normally a nightclub where very, very, bizarre adults hung out, opened its doors to the under 21 crowd, or at least those under 21 who didn't have ID. The Sharks were playing. Looking back, I wonder why I paid the five dollars to get in. What can I say? I was young, I was innocent.....

Well, before the Sharks came on, there was a huge video screen playing the hot music of that era: Animotion, Tears for Fears, Go West, all those bands we haven't heard from lately. So Mark and I went down onto the dance floor, looking for someone to dance with. The principal objective of "the Act"was to pick up someone of the opposite sex. You did this in a step by step approach. First, you unobtrusively started dancing behind or next to someone who caught your fancy. Then, you casually, in the course of your frantic gyrations, bump into him or her, and apologize, making sure to catch their eye. Later, if a slow song comes on (which is a rarity at the clubs- no one really DANCES anymore or at least the way old people do it), you ask the object of your desire to dance. At this point rejection or acceptance comes in. More often than not, it's rejection. The 14 year old will blow cigarette smoke in your face and politely (?) refuse. So, you move on with the next song.

A word about dancing: It can be a dangerous activity if you're not careful. The last time I went out to a club was a week before I arrived here. The Silo has since been renamed The Loft, and they now have "Alternative Night" as compared to "Teen Nite." They're treating the kiddes with a bit more respect these days. Currently the method of dancing is to get together with all your friends and form a large circle, thereby wasting a goodly portion of the surface area of the dance floor and increasing population density in a building that has already exceeded by more than half its maximum capacity as determined by the fire code, sort of like a Saturday night party over at Cook. Then all of you more or less jump up and down in time to the music and mouth the words. That's where the danger comes in. These circles form all over the dance floor, and there are lots of people who aren't in circles filling up the places in between. Several of them are girls, and for some reason they are stupid and prefer to go clubbing while wearing relatively high heels. Every 5 seconds you can hear a high pitched scream followed by a four-letter word as someone's heel digs into someone else's toes. I still have scars from that night at the Loft.

Then what sometimes happens is the DJ says, "All right, we're gonna slow things down here for a little bit,"and everyone tries to leave the floor, but due to congestion, it empties slower than a jar of frozen molasses.You grab seats in a booth near the bar where they serve dixie cups filled with Pepsi for 50 cents (remember, this is an under 21 event) drink Pepsi and crunch the ice (which is a sign of sexual frustration caused by the rejection at the club itself), and wait until a good song comes on. When that happens, the dance floor fills up and it looks worse than the lines at Proctor. You get pushed into a corner right next to the speakers and the smoke machine. You can barely see the video screen, but you can hear incredibly well, because Guns and Roses are screaming "Welcome to the Jungle" at 135 decibles right into your ear. And then there's the smoke. It's not even close to cigarette smoke, it's far, far worse. It's like climbing up the smokestack of a steel mill and inhaling. So, when 11 o'clock arrives and you stagger out to the parking lot in your sweaty black clothing, styled hair all mussed up from spinning around and jumping up and down, smoke on your breath that will annoy your mother, with a phone number written on a chewing gum wrapper that you'll probably never call, why do you look at your friend and say," Same time next week?"

Homespun Feminism?

by Tammy Taylor

I was wary of this review. Two weeks ago my editor handed me a small volume of poems entitled *The Devil is a Woman* in big, red letters across the top. I grimaced; what could a 1920's woman journalist from Vermont tell me that I didn't already know? I stashed the book over October break, hoping it would become a part of my room's ecosystem and I would see it no more. However the deadline for the review lurked ever closer; determined, I opened the book. I read it. I *enjoyed* it.

Alice Mary Kimball

The beauty of Alice Mary Kimball's poems is not because of what they say; rather it is the ingenious simplicity of how they say things everyone has heard before. Alice Kimball's topics are familiar to us all, especially post 1960's: feminism, racial discrimination, and the ignorant terror of such groups as the KKK. But Kimball disarms these subjects correctly at the point when they become personal issues, in the home and in the community.

. . . This was no monster, but Attorney Spiller."

She was calm, now, as a cucumber.

The sense of Him upbore her and she said:

"There is no need to wear your wives' clean sheets.

Washday is burdensome enough as 'tis.

Take off your masks. It's hot and close to-night.

We'll talk like neighbors. Never in this house

Shall people act in ways they can't own up to."

"It is the homespun quality of the lines that creates an open familiar atmosphere"

Perhaps the best blending of social awareness and down home country flavor is in her poem "The Mating Flight of Stasia Whitsett." From the title one could not guess that this seventy page poem that reads like a fairy tale also speaks directly about racism, feminism, and the Ku Klux Klan. And perhaps that is a good thing, because it is the homespun quality of the lines that create an open, familiar atmosphere that allows the reader to objectively look at the good and dark sides of our everyday life.

One of the most memorable and heroic episodes of the poem is when the heroine Stasia stands up to the tyranny of local KKK members in her own home.

What holds interest is the simple honesty of the country (Vermont) and the common sense used to diffuse the power of evil. The KKK are not some septerous hoard, rather they are the neighbors from down the street who, no doubt (at least in Kimball's poems), you would see in church next Sunday.

This is a collection of wry, gentle, insightful poems. Another example is an especially droll piece about a woman who dreamed of dying and going to heaven, but instead her dream turned into a nightmare where she went to hell. She wakes up to see the doctor and children gathering around her bed, the doctor calming her fears, saying: "This ain't Hell. This is home, Mrs. Doane." It is this humorous honesty that lets the reader connect with the characters and learn from them at the same time. There is a lot Alice Mary Kimball can teach us all.

Duets: The Possibilities

(photo by Erik Borg)

The Dance Company of Middlebury will perform in its second concert of the 1988-89 season on Friday, November 4 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 at 3:30 p.m. at McCullough Dance Studio on the Middlebury College campus. DUETS: THE POSSIBILITIES includes the entire company of students and faculty as well as guest artist Peter Schmitz and guest musicians Michael Chorney and Ron Rost. As the title suggests, the primary focus of the evening is the duet form — duets between dancer and musician, dancer and dancer, musician and musician, and dancer and self-as-musician. During these first weeks of the semester, the Company has been training itself in sound creation as well as dance creation and this element is included in the material of the concert which is wholly improvised. The performances are free and open to the public.

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SPORTS

SEASON TICKET

Steroids vs. studies: who loses?

By John Spellane

The word "amateur" has acquired remarkable flexibility since the days when the Gipper led the Fighting Irish and when a small guard named Bob Cousy emerged from the Holy Cross backcourt to lay the foundation for Red Auerbach's Celtic dynasty. The phrase "amateur athletics" has undergone a similar transformation since the days of the "Four Horseman" and the "Seven Blocks of Granite." With the noted exception of our beloved N.E.S.C.A.C., it seems no realm of amateur athletics has successfully resisted the advances of professionalism.

"Amateur athletics have become a business, and there is no avoiding this realization."

College athletics was one of the first institutions to succumb to the pressure of the dollar. When the bowl system of post-season play was first instituted, no one knew what television revenues were. Today, a bowl bid means national exposure and considerable income for gridiron powers. As U.N.L.V. head coach Jerry Tarkanien will be quick to point out, academics have long since taken a back seat to winning basketball games as his Running Reb' squad has traditionally boasted one of the lowest graduation percentages in the country. Similarly, the power-politics of college recruiting has seen its share of victims; the S.M.U. Mustangs saw their football program abolished due to recruiting violations and most recently the Kentucky basketball team was put on a severe probation for three years.

A shakedown in college sports seems inevitable. The recent ground-breaking article on the abuses of Steroids among the college ranks, in *Sports Illustrated* may well set off a chain reaction. In light of former South Carolina defensive lineman Tom Chakin's testimony it is naive to suggest that the Gamecock coaches will not be publicly censured if not forced to resign for their "'see no evil" approach. The sensationalist press that has mushroomed as a result of the Chakin article will demand further investigation and claim some scapegoats before the issue is laid to rest.

The Olympics were long seen as the pillar of amateur sport. But, even this bastion of purity has withered from what it once was. At the turn of the century, Jim Thorpe had his Olympic Decathalon and Pentathalon medals taken from him for receiving money from a semi-pro baseball team. In 1988, Andy Moog, who had been the number-two goalie on a Stanley Cup Champion team two years before, represented Canada in the Winter Olympics, and the "Queen of the Baseline," Chris Evert Lloyd, was a member of the United States Tennis Team in Seoul. Ben Johnson was indicted for steroid use and N.B.A. commissioner David Stern, no doubt ,in response to the embarrassing U.S. basketball debacle , claimed he was considering the possibility of N.B.A. players participating in the 1992 games.

Amateur athletics have become a business, and there is no avoiding this realization. Pressure for success and fortune has driven coaches to recruit illegally and has influenced many athletes to attempt to enhance their performance by taking potentially harmful drugs. Instead of forcing the athletes and associations into compliance with the the ideal of amateur status, institutions such as the N.C.A.A. and I.O.C. have bent their rules to accommodate the pressures of the viewing audience. Too many college athletes truly believe they do have what takes to make the pros, (and if they don't, a couple of anabolic cycles will mask there natural shortcomings.)

Sadly, these are the same scholar-athletes who think that G.P.A. is just another cable affiliate. This infectious virus has not seeped into N.E.S.C.A.C. and perhaps it never will, but then again even in a strike-hampered football season , it's hard to picture a substantial audience watching a small college football game when, regardless of won/loss records, Porter field is seldom, if ever, filled to capacity.

Ephmen stymie Panther attack

Despite impressive defense, ineffective offensive line brings defeat. 21-0.

By Mark Dimond

The Middlebury Panthers crept into Williamstown, Massachusetts on Saturday in hopes of upsetting a highly favored Williams squad but were sent back up Route 7 with their tails between their legs, losing 21–0 to the Ephmen. Rich Williams' 30 yard interception return for a touchdown with 9:52 remaining in the third quarter proved to be the crucial play of the game as it put the score at 14–0, dashing any Middlebury hopes for a .500 season.

The Ephmen (or the "Purple Cows") drew blood (not milk) first on their second sustained drive of the day, the first drive ending on a missed field goal from 43 yards out. Senior quarterback Scott Kennedy drove his team from the Williams thirty–one yard line to the Middlebury forty–eight on this second drive, which appeared to stall as the Ephmen faced a third and long situation. But Kennedy's brilliant 30 yard strike to split end Todd Strieter kept the drive alive, setting up Kennedy's 12 yard scoring toss to flanker Scott Shean five plays later, making the score 7–0 early on in the second quarter.

Williams, who holds a 45–14–1 advantage in the "Route 7 Rivalry," proved to be no slouch on defense, as it kept the Panther offense in check all day. In the first half, Middlebury could manage only 58 yards of total offense (compared 237 first half yards for Williams), as the Ephmen defense were a swarming band of "Purple–People–Eaters," disrupting the Panther offense all day long.

"I don't think the problem was one of strategy, but execution," commented senior offensive lineman Mike Subak when asked about the Panther's offensive game plan. "We simply did not make the blocks necessary to get any momentum going. But the defense played great and really kept us in the game."

Turnovers once again plagued Middlebury as they turned the ball over to Williams three times in the third quarter during a horrific four minute span; the second takeaway coming on the interception (and touchdown) by Williams.

Last Saturday saw the return of senior co-captain receiver Mark Lahive from a shoulder injury. That was not enough, however, as Williams rolled to a shutout victory, 21-0. *(file photo)*

As the Panther offense continued to stall, the defense continued to play their aggressive, gang–tackling brand of football. Noseguard Mitch Harper and linebacker Steve Fordyce were stalwarts on defense, punishing the Ephmen halfbacks all afternoon, refusing to give up or even tire, as the Williams offense ran a total of 90 plays during the game. "I thought we played pretty well, considering the fact that we were on the field for 90 plays, " stated Fordyce. "We are really much better that our record indicates, and we must go out and prove it in these last two games."

The Panthers gave up one last touchdown with less that a minute left, as Williams halfback Neal Chesley scored from six yards out, bringing the final tally to 21–0, giving Williams it's second shutout in two weeks. The Ephmen now have a legitimate shot at the NESCAC title, moving their record to 4–1–1.

Middlebury, on the other hand, must fight for respectability in the league in their two final contests of

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Women's soccer gains NIAC tourney bid

Seeded second, team to meet Williams in playoffs this weekend.

By Catherine Eells

When we last left the women's soccer team they had a 6-4-1 record with "pretty good" chances of going to the NIAC playoffs. As of 3:00 p.m. on Halloween they got their treat. This Saturday the Lady Panthers will make their first showing ever at the tournament.

This past Wednesday the team defeated Union 1-0. At the very end of the first half Co-Captain Ann Battelle, assisted by sophomore Chris Munion, sailed one in from the endline. Middlebury dominated the entire game despite the roughness of the Union players and the muddy field they had to play on at Union. This victory left the team that much closer to the playoffs, but they had to win their next game against New England College.

The score of the New England game reflects with what ease the Lady Panthers performed this task, as the squad came away with a 6-0 victory. In the last five minutes of the first half Middlebury came on strong to shake their opponent's confidence. Ann Battelle inspired the team with two goals which were quickly followed by sophomore Tara Kasaks' first goal of the season assisted by Karen Griffith. Despite their three point lead the team did not let up on their efforts in the second half, and made three more goals. Chris Munion and Lanelle Preston each popped one in. Fullback Michelle Thorpe also scored her first goal of the season with an assist from the hot-footed Battelle.

At this point the team ended its season on a high with a closing record of 8-4-1. Co-Captain Battelle felt this was the "closest-knit team" she had played on in her four years as a varsity player and that this season was "more fun" than the last three. The team unity has paid off and they are going down to Tufts this Saturday to face Williams. Middlebury is ranked second and

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Women's sports still searching for equality

Following last spring's meeting, real progress has been made but there are still obstacles to overcome.

By Tim O'Shea

Athletic Director G, Thomas Lawson has been instrumental in bringing concrete changes to the women's sports programs this fall. He is pictured here with ski coach Patti Ross. *(photo by Tina Manville)*

Last May, *The Campus* ran an article concerning the state of women's sports at Middlebury College. The story, prompted by growing concern among the female athletes who felt they were not getting equal treatment from the athletic department, raised awareness of the apparent lack of consistency towards men's and women's sports teams. The article raised awareness of the issue, so much so that Athletic Director Tom Lawson convened a meeting last spring with the captains of the female sports teams soon after reading the article.

Earlier this fall, more than three months after the meeting, Director Lawson commented on the initial outcry: "I was unaware of the concerns of the women before that article appeared in the paper." Director Lawson also expressed frustration at the fact that he was not contacted before the article went to print. "No one sought out my opinions, so I was a bit surprised after reading the piece," he said.

"For the first time in the school's history, there is now a women's B-soccer team."

The meeting between the female captains as well as Lawson and male and female coaches of various teams concerned, in the words of the students requesting the get-together, "coaches, assistants, B-teams, competition, and scheduling."

Director Lawson felt the concerns, though very valid, were due to the unwillingness of both the students and the athletic department to discuss the problems openly. "Many of the concerns were a direct result of a lack of communication," said Mr. Lawson.

The meeting, lasting for more than two hours, has produced some tangible results for the women's teams. For the first time in the school's history, there is now a women's B-soccer team. Director Lawson was quick to point out that "not many schools have a B-team," a fact that proved true this fall as the coaches found only a smattering of games for their schedule. In addition, the Athletic Department hired two graduate assistants for women's teams to balance the previous inequality in that area. The two women, 1987 graduates Paula Riccardeli and Sarah Poiner, both worked in paid positions, mirroring the fact that the varsity football team has traditionally employed paid graduate assistants to help with the program. Poiner coached the B-soccer team and assisted the varsity and Riccardeli worked with the varsity tennis team as well as coached the B-tennis squad. "We are trying to fill the gap in a systematic way," added Mr. Lawson, also pointing out that two female graduates volunteered their services this fall to help out the women's programs. '87 graduates Megan Kemp and Ingrid Punderson worked with the sports teams without pay this fall, Kemp with the B-field hockey team and Punderson with the women's soccer teams. Both volunteers were the leading proponents for fairer treatment last spring, and the school's willingness to accept their generosity further exhibits the number of changes aimed at balancing the women's programs with the men' programs.

Another significant development is the hiring of graduate assistant Kim Maynard. Graduating last spring, Maynard will now work directly with the female captains following each season to review the concerns of any of those involved. "We're really trying hard to keep that line of communication open with the students," commented Lawson on Maynard's hiring.

The most telling change to occur as a result of last spring's meeting was the hiring of Bill Mandigo to replace women's varsity ice hockey coach Mike Gerber. Gerber's position as head hockey coach was the most emotional issue for the women as well as the most glaring example of the Athletic Department's apparent lack of concern and sensitivity in years past. Gerber coached the team without having any extensive knowledge of the sport as well as struggling on ice skates. "We really felt he was hired first as a football coach and a women's ice hockey coach second," said senior team member Marci Griffith. It would be tough to argue such a point with the players as Gerber did not even attend early practices last season due to football practice. In addition, the women were forced to use late ice times to accommodate Gerber's required attendance at staff meetings following football practices.

"I would welcome being held accountable for reality of life at this level."

However, Director Lawson responded to the underlying accusations, saying: "I would welcome being held accountable for reality of life at this level. Coaches are required to coach more than one sport in a limited program such as this." To remedy the problem, the department was faced with a unique opportunity: with the loss of coach Bob Ritter to Tufts University and the unwillingness of Gerber to return to coaching the women skaters, Director Lawson could conduct a search for the most able candidate, hoping not to compromise either the football or the ice hockey teams in the process. The answer came in the person of Bill Mandigo. From a Rhode Island high school, Mandigo not only filled a football need but has an extensive background in coaching ice hockey, something the Administration needed to find in a coach.

However, some athletes feel the changes are insufficient to deal with a very serious, very pervasive problem. Problems of scheduling still exist, contend the women, as well as attitudes by the coaches and certain male players. Last season, there were statements made by Coach Bob Smith concerning the intensity levels of the women's teams. During a Teachers Education seminar last spring, Coach Smith stated that women's sports do not exhibit the same degree of outward intensity as do men's sports, and should therefore not be taken as seriously. This attitude has apparently continued into this fall, when a men's varsity soccer player, after watching the women's team practice in Halloween costumes, commented, "How are we supposed to take them seriously?" Junior soccer player Ellen LeMaitre responded to such comments, saying, "Take us so seriously that we're going to the NIAC's, seeded second," emphatically explaining that the '88 team is the first in Middlebury women's soccer history to go to that tournament.

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"'I can see that the Administration is doing something, but they've only just started.'"

Another glaring example of the remaining inequalities in the Athletic Department centers again around the women's ice hockey team. Senior team member Marci Griffith explained that the team still receives less-than-desirable ice time. "Last year we had terrible times and it's no different this season. We have practice and the coach can't be there because he's at football practice," referring to Bill Mandigo's job as assistant football coach. In contrast, the men's varsity hockey team skates following the other team's afternoon practices, allowing Coach Bill Beaney not only to coach his women's soccer team but also conduct practice with his varsity men's ice hockey team. The women must rely on a student assistant until football season comes to a close. "They should at least switch it every other day, or something," suggested Griffith, adding, "It shows me that nothing's changed in that respect."

Despite the continued discontent with the department's willingness to change, the reactions to this new-found sensitivity have been generally supportive, the women athletes sensing the wheels of change have been set in motion. Junior Karen Griffith, a member of the varsity soccer and lacrosse teams noted that "things are changing." She also stated, "I can see that the Administration is doing something, but they've only just started," tempering her enthusiasm with words of caution. Karen's sister Marci added, "I definitely feel like they are more concerned about us possibly feeling like 'second-rate citizens.'"

The concern Griffith spoke of refers to a recent example of the Administration's change of attitude. The Athletic Department came directly to the women athletes last week wanting to discuss proposed changes to the athletic fields. "They wanted to make sure there would be no difference between the guys' and the girls' new fields," said Karen Griffith. Her sister continued, echoing the reality of the changes: "The problems aren't going away in one season. We'll see marked improvement three or four years down the road."

Women's soccer

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Williams is third. In the regular season the team defeated the Cows 1-0, in an upset victory. The Ephwomen were ranked far above the Panthers at that point, but Middlebury dominated play and toppled their arch-rivals. If they win this game they will go on to play the winner of the the Tufts-Mount Holyoke game. Tufts is favored to win the entire tournament as it is the first seed and host. Middlebury fell to Tufts earlier this season, 2-1, in a game that should have gone the Panthers' way, but a lapse in concentration proved to be the death knell for the team. The final game will be on Sunday, November 6, but the Lady Panthers must first defeat the players of Williams College in order to be champions of the NIAC. As the first women's soccer team from Middlebury to ever advance to such a tournament, the Lady Panthers hope to take home the trophy as well as some well-deserved respect.

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Men's soccer fails to make ECAC's but bright spots remain.

Senior striker Vigsnes attempts to break scoring record against Conn. College on Saturday.

By Adam Horowitz

Despite a late season surge in which they showed their true mettle, the 1988 Middlebury Panthers soccer team failed to make the ECAC New England playoffs, the first time they have failed to do so during the tenure of Head Coach Dave Saward. With one game remaining in the season, tomorrow afternoon at Connecticut College, the squad's record stands at 8-3-2. Although they currently have the same number of losses and ties as they suffered in their march toward the playoffs last year, they were denied a spot in this year's tournament due to the fact that many of the league's top teams played very consistently this year, in marked contrast to the Panther's topsy-turvy season. Even the 4-0-1 record the team has put together since their disheartening loss to St. Michaels early last month could not sway the opinion of the league's coaches, whose votes decide the playoff field each year.

Their playoff hopes all but blurred away, the varsity soccer team hopes to win its last game of the season tomorrow at Connecticut College. Andy Krugman is pictured here flowing down the sidelines against Thomas College. *(photo by Jason McGowin)*

After the St. Michaels fiasco and the ensuing victory against St. Lawrence, the Panthers started to turn up the heat. The first sign was also the brightest, as Middlebury dismantled the Norwich Cadets in a road game on October 19. Senior Co-Captain Erik Vigsnes led the Panthers to victory with the most prolific performance of his career, as he pumped four goals into the net against the Cadets. The defense played solidly throughout the game, allowing only one score in each half of the lopsided contest. Senior Andrew Cornish, the team's other captain, anchored the defense in the first half, then gave way to sophomore Dave Findlay for his first live action of his varsity career. This was not the only "first" in the game, however, as two Panthers recorded their first goals of the season. Senior Forward Karl "Air" Mayer scored his first goal of the season, and sophomore transfer Sean Hurley put in the first of his Middlebury career.

The Panthers followed their best game of the year with another disheartening tie, as their contest at home against Babson on October 22 ended with the score deadlocked at 1-1. Junior forward Andrew Krugman scored the Middlebury goal with a beautiful header less than five minutes into the game. The score remained 1-0 throughout, as neither team was able to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. Then, just as the Panthers were to close the door on their third straight victory, Babson threw a wrench into their plans, as they put the ball past Cornish into the Middlebury net with only one minute to go in the game. Neither team was able to score during the two ten-minute overtimes, leaving the Panthers with a disappointing tie.

The team bounced back from this setback to win their next two games. First they downed Skidmore 1-0 down in Saratoga Springs on October 26. The Panther goal came in the second half, as Sophomore sweeper Devin O'Neill put the ball into the net directly on a corner kick opportunity. Three days later the squad downed the lycra-clad warriors from Thomas College in a home game, scoring three times in overtime for a 5-2 victory. Middlebury came out cold on this frigid morning, and thus were no match for the Thomas squad, which was protected from the elements by the running tights that they wore under their uniforms. The Panthers fell behind 2-1 before receiving their wake-up call, but a goal by Sophomore forward Tom Murray halfway through the second half evened the score. In OT the team was led by Vigsnes, who scored two goals and was inches away from a third in the first five minutes of the period. Freshman defender Jason Crawshaw iced the game a few minutes later, as he scored his first goal as a Panther to close out the scoring.

Even though they did not make the playoffs, tomorrow's game in Connecticut holds significance for the Panthers for two reasons. The first is a chance for vengeance against Conn. College, the team that wrested the final playoff spot from Middlebury by beating the previously undefeated squad from Williams College last Saturday. "This game will give us a chance to show the league and the coaches that we are every bit as good as any team in the playoffs," said Senior forward Charles Butt, who will be playing the final game of his three-year varsity career tomorrow. The game will also have great significance for another of the team's seniors. Vigsnes, who has been a starter on the varsity for four seasons, has a chance at tying or even breaking the school's single season scoring record, which currently stands at twelve goals. Vigsnes has scored ten goals this season and, as is obvious from this article, is no stranger to multiple goal games. Another such game tomorrow could give the team a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing season.

Field hockey falters in bid for post-season play

1-0 loss to Bowdoin ends all hope for NIAC's.

By Rob White

This year, the women's varsity field hockey team has experienced some very hard luck. Despite their more than respectable 7 and 5 record, the Lady Panthers failed to obtain a playoff berth. Keeper Maureen Tansey '91 said, "We're disappointed, but we're happy with the way we played." In the five losses, the women have given up but six goals; four of them being one to nothing defeats, and the fifth a two to one loss to Williams. The ironic thing is that these are the only goals that the sophomore goalie and the rest of the defense have allowed the entire season. All seven wins have been shutouts, setting a record for a single season. The scant six goals against is also a seasonal record. The team was clearly one of the best defensive teams in the league, but it lacked the offensive punch when needed.

Last weekend the team traveled up to Maine for two games against Bowdoin and Bates. Needing a sweep to be chosen for the NIAC tournament, the team played a very controlled, exceptionally rough game. The Bowdoin players managed to score a goal on strong stick work and the Panthers were unable to rebound. Once again, the 1-0 score haunted the team, and all hopes for the playoffs were muted as the final horn sounded to end the contest.

The team had nothing to lose on Saturday as the women blasted back in a 2-0 win over Bates. Debbie Walton and Jennifer Van Noy continued their offensive output by netting the two goals of the game. Betsy Brubaker's stalwart defensive work and Wendy Urie's hustle on the wing proved to be the difference in the Panthers' last game of the season.

The team must now look to next season as the 1-0 loss to Bowdoin dashed any hope the Lady Panthers had of post-season play. Coach Hopkinson's team loses only three players to graduation, Sam Chapin, Laura Moloney, and Wendy Urie. The entire defense remains intact as does the bulk of the midfield, and the hard-fought experience of this season should prove to improve the women's record next season.

Space Bridge links the Superpowers

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Dukakis would be in Boston and Andrei Sakharov in Moscow, but unfortunately these were only rumors. There was also a large group of students present in each country's studio. A good television setup and a fast translator made communication between the two groups very easy.

Many of us from Middlebury had gone to Boston with the idea that the two groups of students would be doing most of the talking. Unfortunately the moderator from Tufts made it a point to consult the panelists most of the time, making it hard for the students to ask questions. This may have been done on purpose because the American students were a little reluctant to get up and ask questions (although two Middlebury students asked questions). The Soviet students, however, made up for the American timidness by almost fighting for the microphone and a chance to speak. It was this limited chance at asking questions and generally talking with the Soviets that disappointed most of us.

Tufts and Moscow State University have realized that a forum for talks between Soviet and American students is needed. Better communication between the two countries can only help lead to a better understanding of each other. So the "Space Bridge" was developed. Unfortunately, the good idea has been, I believe, poorly executed. Certainly it is beneficial to have expert panelists to provide a background to the discussion. But then the students must take over the discussion and continue on their own fashion. Experts have been across the negotiation table in Geneva for years and not much has happened. Fresh blood needs to be introduced into the talks between the countries, and the students of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow are the ones who need to talk the most now.

The "Space Bridge" was interesting if nothing else. The students were able to talk almost face to face with people in our same situation in the Soviet Union. We found out that the Soviets are a lot like ourselves, certainly not the "evil empire" that some would have us believe. It was this insight into the Soviet Union, along with a free meal at Burger King and backaches from the bus ride, that we brought back from our day in Boston.

Wheeler makes his mark in ECAC playoffs.

Senior Dave Wheeler finished second in the New England Intercollegiate Golf Tournament with a score of 153. Pictured here with his teammates, left to right are: Dave Wheeler, Evan Berlin, Adrian Easterbrook, Coach Russ Reilly, and Andrew Buonicontro.

Mistakes hurt freshman in final game

Fumbles and interceptions help New Hampton win 19-0 in season's final game.

By Mike Rankin

Middlebury's Freshman Football squad closed out its 1988 season last weekend with a downer, getting shut out by New Hampton Prep, 19-0. The young Panthers finished with a record of 1-4-1, in a season marked by frustrating turnovers and penalties. The players though, did show some exhilarating bursts of talent, Rich Madison's stretch of 314 receiving yards in two games the most impressive of the season.

The young Panthers' offense disappeared in mid-season, as they came up with just fourteen points in their last three games. This scoring drought was made all the more aggravating because often the Panthers were their own worst enemies, repeatedly turning the ball over at crucial moments. Such was the case last Sunday, as eight fumbles and three interceptions crippled any attempts at a scoring drive. As a consequence the first half was dominated by New Hampton, who capitalized on Panther mistakes for two touchdowns carrying a 13-0 lead into the intermission.

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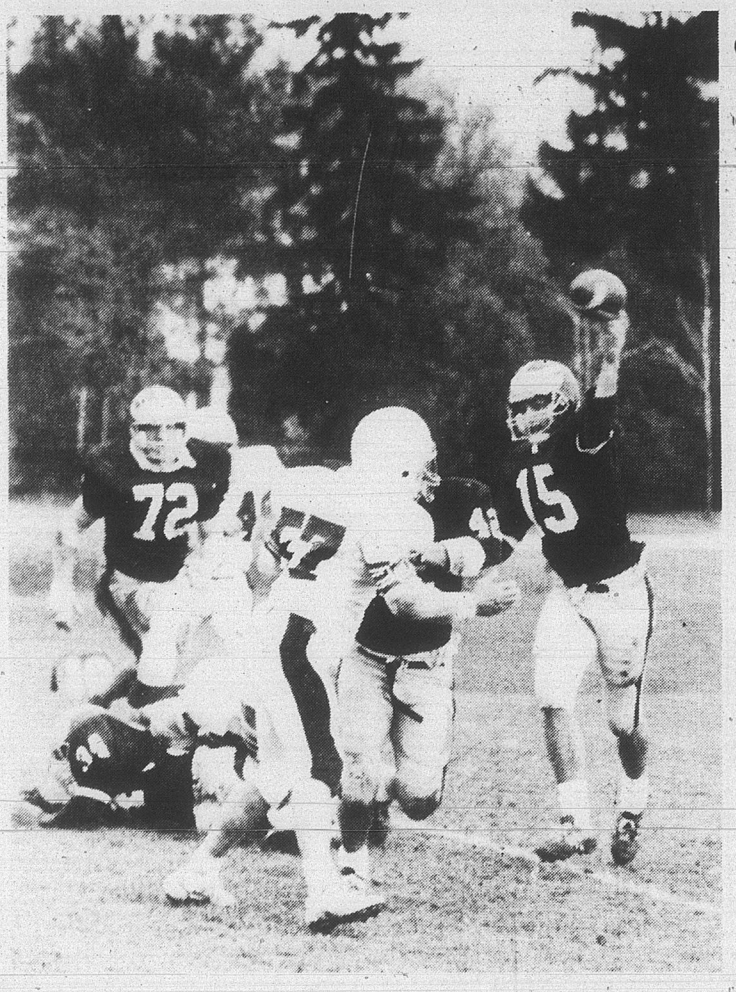

Southpaw quarterback Pat Dyson lets go over his lineman's head during the 19-0 loss to New Hampton Prep last Sunday.

(photo by Matt Hardie)

The second half brought more of the same, as penalties and turnovers plagued the offense. On the bright side, the defense showed improvement, holding New Hampton scoreless, and limiting them only to a scant few first downs.

Meanwhile Middlebury showed a glimmer of hope on the offensive side. The third quarter closed with the young Panthers showing their most consistent play of the game, gaining four first downs with the running attack. However, problems returned in the fourth quarter as Middlebury was forced to go to their passing game in search of a score. A deep completion on third down brought them to New Hampton's seven yard line. But again a fumble slammed the door on Middlebury's designs.

From this jolt Middlebury never recovered, as New Hampton marched downfield with little trouble and punched the ball in the endzone to make the final 19-0, with the two point conversion failing.

"Closing out the season with a shut out is a tough way to go," said Coach Brad Brown. Still, games three and four; a close loss to a strong Union squad, and a 30-12 victory over Norwich, will be looked back on as bright spots in an otherwise frustrating season.

National charters don't like female pledges

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chapters if they admit women as members.

According to Nasser, the fraternities face two "conflicting agreements." A "document of understanding" was drafted between the College and the fraternities in 1980 which states that the fraternities are open to anyone, including women. Yet there is a chance, Nasser said, that the national organizations will not allow women to join.

If the national organization denies women membership, fraternities are "in a no win position," Nasser said. "The ball would then be in the ninistration and faculty's court," .e said, because the document of understanding was created after the national ties were formed. The school would be "obligated" to come up with a financial agreement with the fraternities to replace the money they receive from their national chapters if the fraternities are denied funding, he said.

The tie with the national organization is, for most fraternities, important for financial reasons, Dimond said, because the national chapter offers the individual fraternity liability insurance.

"We have to explore our financial ties with the national organization," Nasser said, because many fraternities on campus do not know how dependent they are on their national chapter. For some, ties to Middlebury fraternity alumni are more important both for financial reasons and because the alumni have a better understanding of the situation at Middlebury, Dimond said.

If the fraternities are given time to research possibilities of reforms, Nasser said, they will go first to alumni with letters explaining the fraternities' intentions and needs and the demands of the school. "We need to make the environment we are in clear," Nasser said, because particularly among older alumni, "old tradition might be an obstacle" for approval of women members.

Chi Psi is the one fraternity on campus which has "already discovered that its ties are too intimate" to separate from its national organization, Nasser said.

The reforms do not "mesh" with Chi Psi views, President Chris Mycek said. Chi Psi is "firmly entrenched" in their national chapter, Mycek said, and if the fraternity was to turn coed, they would no longer be welcome in the national organization.

Staying in the national organization is important to Chi Psi, Mycek said, because the fraternity is given national support for programs and scholarships. "We would miss out" on the "educational opportunities" the national organization provides.

Nasser guessed that Chi Psi would have to leave campus if they were unable to concede to the requested reforms. The question of fraternities being allowed to live off-campus has been raised by faculty members, but Nasser questions the idea for a different reason, saying an off-campus fraternity would be in "a dangerous position" partially because they would be under the auspices of Vermont State Police rather than campus security.

"It would not be business as usual," Nasser said.

Regardless of national ties, the fraternities also foresee a problem in recruiting women to join. The Faculty Council suggested a quota, Nasser said, but the fraternities are uncomfortable with the idea. There is a "self-imposed gender stigma" on women which dissuades them from joining fraternities but is "not at all male-generated," Nasser said.

Also, Nasser said, some women friends of fraternities are hesitant to join because they feel their relationship with the fraternity would change if they became members. "Members have to make efforts to make all people comfortable" with the idea of belonging to fraternities, Nasser said.

Fraternities will recruit women just as they have recruited men in the past, by "showing interest in them," Dimond said. "We have to give offerings which will make them want to join."

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Minorities

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where committee members could meet and talk with students, the three-day workshop included six lecture-discussion sessions at Kirk Alumni Center led by Middlebury faculty and visitors to the College.

After receiving a welcome from Provost Bruce Peterson Thursday evening, the group listened the next morning to minority students and faculty speak about the status of minority life since the first workshop. The student perspective came through strongly as several young black women spoke openly about racial incidents that had affected them and their black classmates. The episode of last fall, where a freshman told a black classmate to stop "black bitchiness," came up, for the speakers said it had made a significant impact on them. "I've never been a direct victim of such incidents," Kikanza Ramsay '91, explained, "but they still affect me indirectly." She emphasized that her predominant problem is dealing with ignorant comments from fellow students.

Junior Carla Sizer, who played on the College's women's basketball team for two years, discussed insensitivity she has experienced in the athletic arena. "When I came here as a freshman, I felt that I was labelled a franchise because I was a basketball player, and I was black," she said. "It's much harder for a black freshman to come here and play basketball than for a white because of the presuppositions of the black athlete. Being just as good is not enough — you have to shine."

Committee members were able to get their own views of life at Middlebury by attending classes with student hosts. "This gave them a chance to really see the professors, class structure, and interaction between students and faculty, which was one of the main objectives," explained Cristina Salasporras '91.

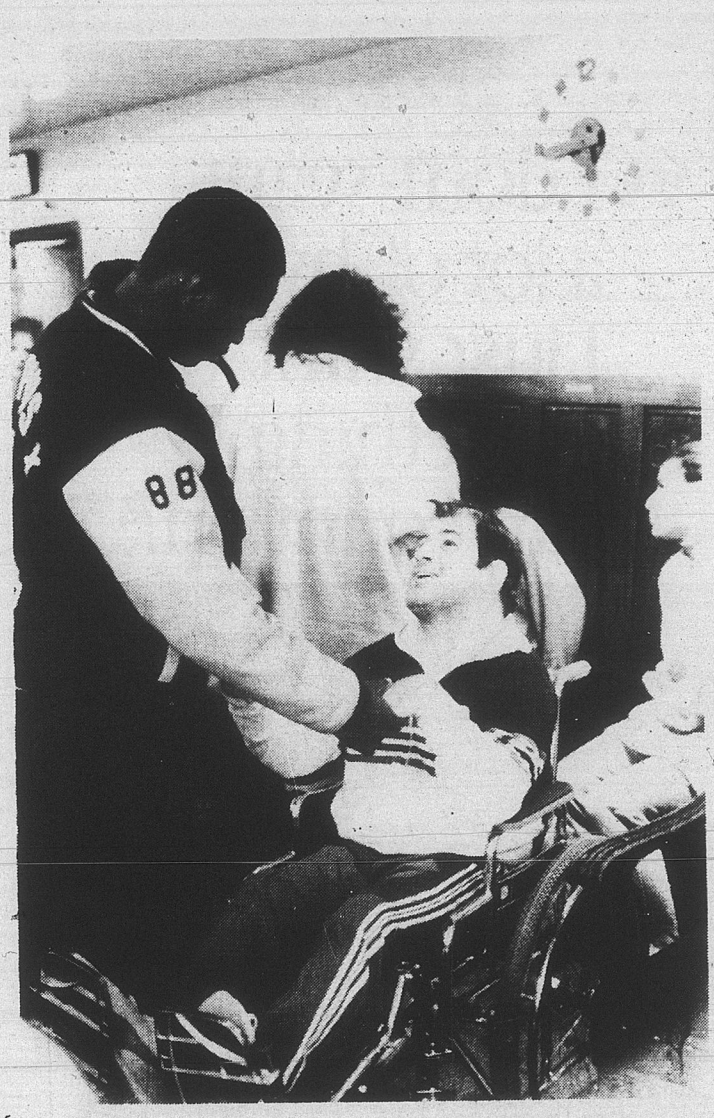
With Middlebury teaching methods fresh in their minds, the visitors, along with several students and members of the faculty and staff, attended a session on financing an education, where Dean of the College John Emerson, Director of Financial Aid Bob Donaghey, and Executive Director of the Boston Plan for Excellence in Public Schools Mario Pena discussed ways to improve Middlebury through financial aid programs.

More hands-on ways of improving minority life at Middlebury came up at a session on reinforcing racial awareness in the classroom, led by Kevin Bowman, a psychological consultant, clinical psychologist, and Director of Training for psychology students at the University of Pittsburgh. Discussion focused more on student-faculty interaction in the classroom than on curricular issues.

Bowman emphasized the concept of the "classroom as a microcosm of society," pointing out that the psychological handicaps that many minority students have as a result of societal discrimination inevitably carry into the classroom. He talked about students who cannot perform well because of pressure and anxiety.

"They hesitate to participate; they don't ask questions unless there is absolutely no other way of finding an answer. Students become anonymous in class, thus become distanced from the professor. They cannot turn to him for advice or letters of recommendation," he said.

Cultural differences also account for lack of faculty-student communication, as a member of the audience pointed out. Many minority students are brought up in families where the authority of elders is important, she said. These students then have trouble communicating with professors on an informal level. Bowman added that Hispanic students often look down or away when being reprimanded because they have been brought up to do so, thus lack of eye contact — which can be misinterpreted by teachers as lack of respect — might be simply a cultural difference.



Butch Varno gets a hand. *(photo by Amos Beason)*

What about racial discord in a classroom? Several professors expressed frustration over class situations where a student makes a racial slur. "How does a professor handle this?" asked Susan Cook, Assistant Professor of Music. "A professor can't jump on that student — there's the necessity of restoring an equilibrium."

Laura Gardner, Coordinator of Enrollment Management for the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College in Maryland, views these situations as "opportunities to turn racial slurs into educational experiences." The best response to subtle slurs, she said, is to "deal with it directly."

Bowman added, "the worst thing you can do is pretend that no one heard. Encourage analysis and different perspectives. Feedback on criticism of minorities isn't as objective as it could be. It should be specific, not generalized."

Students raised the reverse issue: How does a student deal with a racist comment by a professor? A committee member pointed out that in certain courses — such as psychology, history, sociology, and genetics — the subject of minorities arises more frequently than in others.

The solution? "Educating the faculty in terms of new perspectives," said Don Coverdale, a guidance counselor at East Boston High School. "Education should be seen as a continuing process. Some faculty have been here for 25 years— they need to become students again." One committee member suggested putting the question of professorial prejudice on student evaluation forms; another recommended that cultural/minority awareness be considered when rehiring or giving tenure. In general, the need for increased communication between faculty and students on the minority issue was recognized.

Communication between the town and the College occupied the participants in another session on continuing to build a more supportive environment in the larger community, led by Middlebury Magazine editor Edward Ernst. Townspeople such as Bill Jesdale, principle of Middlebury Union High School, and Marty Schuppert, the owner of Mr. Up's Restaurant spoke, as did Associate Director of Admissions Jimmy Williams. Giving a faculty perspective on racial discrimination he and his family have experienced in the community, Williams cited the example of a policeman who, having pulled over Williams for running a stop sign, put his hand on his gun as soon as he saw that Williams was black.

Students described subtle and overt racism they had felt in town, such as store owners suspiciously following them.

Suggested solutions were internships in the town, increased emphasis on the little brother/little sister program, and bringing local high school students onto campus. The main problem, however, emerged as town-college relations in general; as participants observed, minority-community relations cannot be improved until the college and town can coexist more peacefully.

Similarly, a supportive environment must be built up on campus in order to ensure one in town, as the fifth session on continuing to build a supportive environment on campus, led by Director of Counseling and Human Relations Gary Margolis '67, showed. Giving the example of his own experience at Middlebury as one of very few Jewish students, Margolis stressed the importance of determining minority students' specific needs. To do so, the committee members, along with those students, faculty, and administration members present, broke into six smaller groups for discussion.

"Students need a role model, a warm, caring person they can relate to," observed Ms. Gardner. "And they need to talk about issues straight out — uncomfortable but unexpressed feelings can be sensed."

A young black student agreed. "I come from the south," she said. "Things are said up front there. It throws me for a minute, but then I'll retaliate verbally — not necessarily hostilely — to let them know what they're saying is ignorant and stupid. The only real problem I saw when I came here was underlying racism. I really didn't think it would be as hard as it was."

Other needs expressed were a pre-enrollment session for incoming freshmen — not just minorities — for academic adjustment, in which critical and analytical skills would be taught; more faculty-student interaction; more attention to interracial, intercultural issues in the curriculum, and outside of it.

At the end of this fifth lecture-discussion session, the visiting committee members broke into caucus groups to produce feedback and advice based on what they had learned in their three days on campus. Their recommendations fell into the categories of financial aid, admissions, retention, faculty/staff, and the community.

"We have a unanimous sense that Middlebury College is doing extraordinary things, addressing issues in our society that many schools are not willing to deal with," said Cecil Forster '64, a professor at Pace University Law School and head of Middlebury's New York Diversity Task Force, at the Feedback session.

Nevertheless, several members of the committee expressed strong disappointment at College President Olin Robison's absence. "This is the second workshop of this kind here," said one member, "and the President was not present either time."

"We came a long way to meet with the President," said another, "and he couldn't make time in his schedule. This school will not move forward until the right people are here, listening to this."

Students, too, showed frustration at what they perceived to be neglect on the part of the President. "He seems to care a great deal about getting Russian students here, but what about minorities?" asked Senior Yolande Smallwood. "My function here is as a student, not an educator, but yet I am here. Where is he?"

BSU President Ali Wilson '91 felt that there was "no reason" for Robison not to be present.

"This is not any old committee — it addresses the future constitution of this school."

According to members of the Administration, the President sanctioned the workshop, and will receive a full report of the activities and recommendations. But, said Ramsey, "it's not the same as him being here, hearing my voice this whole weekend."

The tone became more positive as members of the audience affirmed the success of the workshop, in spite of the lack of student, faculty, and administration attendance. Dean of Students Karl Lindholm asked that people "go away with a sense of rededication rather than despair. I want to urge people to acknowledge those for whom this is the highest priority. If those people are lost, the issue is lost." Lindholm was referring in part to the ad hoc Minority Issues Group, a core of ten dedicated faculty and staff members that made both workshops possible.

The general feeling about the Workshop was most clearly expressed in the words of Joanne Graham, director of the Honors College at Bronx Community College. "Middlebury has had a historical tradition of racial awareness before it was fashionable. We have a great future, but work is necessary."

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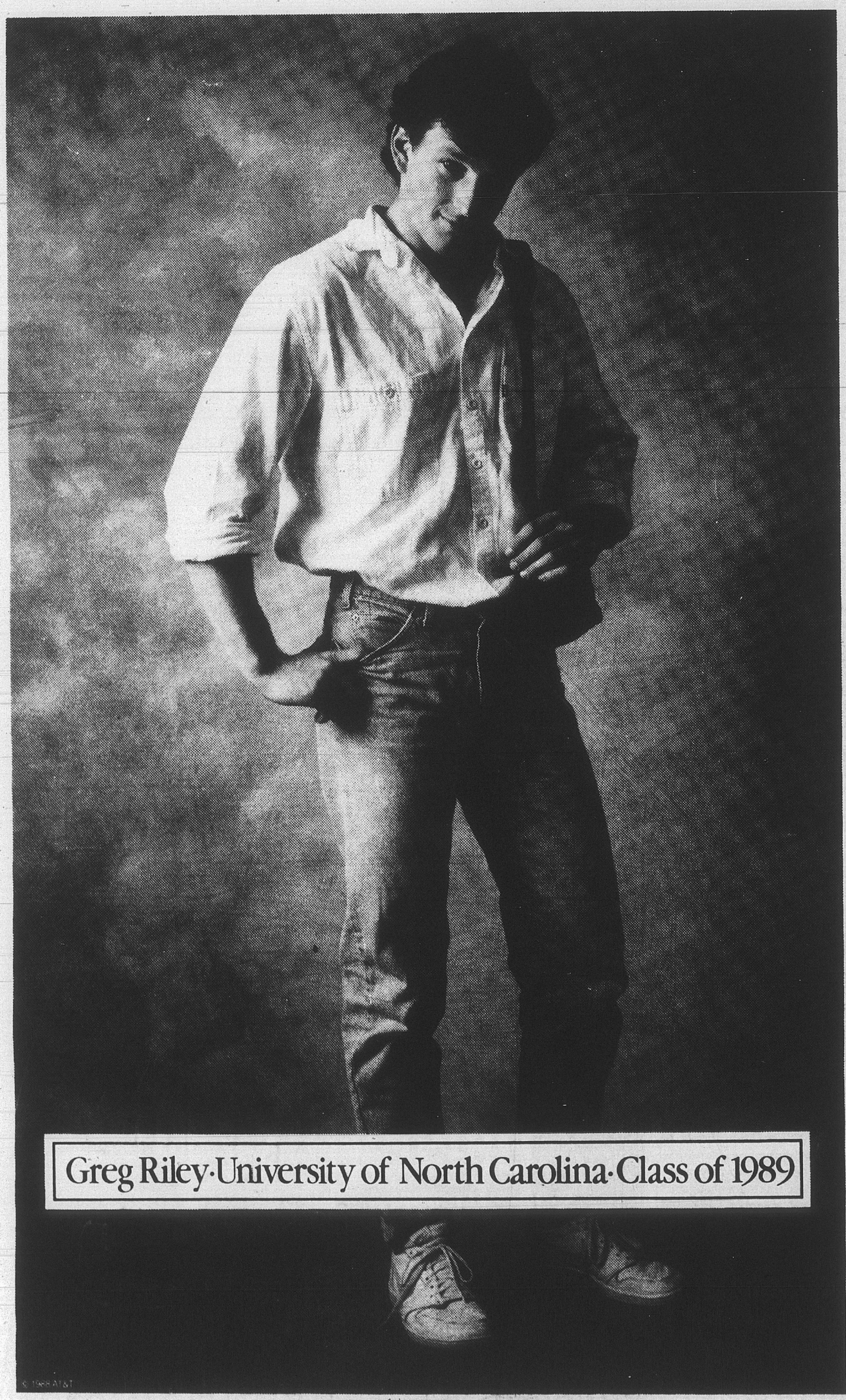

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miracle budget?

To the Editor:

About a month ago I heard Susan Estrich, Michael Dukakis' campaign chairperson, on the news responding to a reporter who asked if it was true that Dukakis may not win his home state of Massachusetts in the upcoming presidential election. This question/response surprised me. What does it say about Dukakis if he is worried about carrying his own state? I also couldn't help but think that Massachusetts residents knew something that the rest of the nation didn't know. They did, and they still do. However, most negative facts about Dukakis never make it out of the Bay State. Because of this relative vacuum of news about the governor, I thought it appropriate that Midd students at least be informed about his boasts that he could do wonders with the national economy and budget. After all, he has "balanced the budget" in his state some ten years running now.

I find it pretty scary that no one has called Dukakis on this issue. In fact, an article in The Boston Herald from Wednesday, October 19, reads "Dukakis yesterday used the anniversary of the October 19 stock market crash to blast the Reagan administration's 'borrow and spend' tactics. . ." This is what we see on any one of the network news shows. This is typical of Mike Dukakis (and any other politician for that matter), and it would be absolutely fine, if it weren't for the fact that here Dukakis is being as two-faced as possible. That article was on page four. Page seven had an article that ran under the title "State borrows another $225M." It began, "The state borrowed another $225M to pay its bills yesterday and the treasurer's office has asked Gov. Michael Dukakis to control spending." According to this article, this is the fifth time that the state "has been forced to borrow money to meet the state's obligations since the current fiscal year began July 1. (Massachusetts) has now borrowed $1.225 billion dollars. . ." since July 1. According to this article, the interest on these "short-term" loans has already cost the Massachusetts government (and people) $9.6 million. . .in just three and a half months! And while no one in his right mind would call this balancing a budget (after all, Mike, ya gotta pay it back!), it is easy to see that this mindset permeates his ranks. In response to deputy state treasurer Patrick Sullivan's request that the Dukakis administration cut spending to keep a balanced budget, "Dukakis fiscal chief Frank Keefe. . . bristled at (the) belt-tightening request. 'How could he ask the administration that?' he said." It makes one wonder what Dukakis' national "fiscal chief" would say. But no one ever learns of these shocking figures and viewpoints outside of Massachusetts.

After all, these stories aren't run on national news. Instead, they only appear in a few Massachusetts newspapers. So we see that Massachusetts people do know something that the rest of the nation doesn't. However, even they wouldn't be able to answer a question like, "If Michael Dukakis has had to borrow $1.225 billion dollars in just three and a half months in order keep only one state running, how much would he have to borrow if he were in charge of fifty states?"

Kyle Sowles

More on board sailing

To the Editor:

I was very pleased to see the article on windsurfing in last week's paper; it's a sport that has not received much exposure at Middlebury. However, from a factual standpoint, the article was lacking, and I offer the following corrections:

1) Port Henry, NY is not the best boardsailing near Middlebury, nor is it located just 20 minutes away. While it is very good in a north wind, it is 25-30 minutes from Middlebury, no closer than Charlotte, Vermont. Charlotte, in addition to being very good in a north, northwest, or west wind, has the added attraction of much bigger waves than one finds at Port Henry.

"Instead of worrying about the Champlain monster, a boardsailor should worry about the Champlain barges; they are not very good at slowing down."

The Crown Point (not the Port Henry, as it was named in your article) Bridge *is* only 20 minutes from Middlebury, and, while the access is good, the wind is rather squirrely. The most accessible (only 15 minutes away), and often the best, sailing near Middlebury is the true Champlain Gorge, two miles south of the Crown Point Bridge on the Vermont side. Anyone from Middlebury who sails can tell you how to get there.

2) A great day on Champlain does not consist of 20 m.p.h. winds. To the contrary, a great day on Champlain, of which there have been at least two weeks worth since September 1, consists of 20-30 knot winds, while the really great days, of which there have been 7 since September 1, consist of 25-35 knot winds, with higher gusts. A rather average day offers 10 m.p.h. winds.

3) The problem with the water *is* the cold. It does not smell any worse than Nantucket Sound, and smells much better than Long Island Sound, though the smell of manure from the adjacent fields does get a bit strong roundabout March and April. Getting back to the cold: sure, you can sail till the end of October with a good wetsuit, and good gloves, and good booties, perhaps even a good hood, assuming none of your equipment will ever fail you. But if, as happened to me a few days ago, you have to take a half-mile swim in 54 degree water dragging a board and rig, a drysuit is in order.

4) Instead of worrying about the Champlain monster, a boardsailor should worry about the Champlain barges; they are not very good at slowing down.

5) You were right, Dunmore sucks.

Lake Champlain is some of the best, most consistent inland sailing in the East. It can also be hazardous to your health — 8 foot, 45 degree wave faces are not uncommon at Charlotte. So if a person is going to get involved, they must realize that it entails more than going to the local reservoir in July. It is definitely *not* the Gorge. But it can be hard-core.

Bobby Clark

It's not all Greek to her

To the Editor:

After all the discussion there has been about the faculty's proposal to eliminate fraternities recently, I finally felt compelled to write a letter which I feel may cover another topic not yet discussed. This letter comes as a response to the SGA survey on fraternities mailed to students last week.

Recent articles always seem to mention colleges, such as Colby, that have eliminated their Greek systems, yet no one discusses how Middlebury's fraternities compare to Greek systems that are still alive at other colleges. After spending my freshman year at a college where over half of the student body belonged to either a sorority or a fraternity, I feel quite justified in mentioning the comparisons that seem to be overlooked. I am not slighting my former school; however, I am writing about how Middlebury's Greek system has adapted its policies to minimize the exclusiveness that seem to exist at a majority of other Greek-oriented campuses. One of the major reasons I chose to transfer to Middlebury had to do with Middlebury's Greek system as compared to that of my former school. I still remember individuals who were devastated that they had not been accepted into the sorority or fraternity of their choice in the spring of my freshman year. Too much of an emphasis is made on joining a house when between one-half and three-quarters of the student body at a small college are involved in the Greek system at the school.

"One reason I chose to transfer to Middlebury was the Greek system here compared to my former school. I still remember individuals who were devastated when they were not accepted to the sorority or fraternity of their choice."

Middlebury is lucky that its Greek system has adapted its policies and positions to minimize the exclusiveness mentioned in the SGA's survey. Yes, "IN THEORY," a fraternity may be "exclusionary and discourage the participation of students." However, open rush, like that found at Middlebury, is unheard of at a majority of schools where the Greek system exists. In addition to holding an open and dry rush, Middlebury fraternity brothers do not stay exclusively at their own house from what I have seen in the past two years, a situation quite opposite from that which I found my freshman year. I found the Greek system, especially sororities, to be much more clique-oriented at my former school. Middlebury fraternity brothers can be found at any of the houses during the course of the year. From my own experience, I find that Middlebury's percentage of students in fraternities is enough so that they play an important role both socially and educationally, but not so much of a majority that a person is out of place if he or she is not active in the Greek system.

As with anything on campus, there are improvements that can be made, but I feel Middlebury's Greek system is vital to both the campus and the community in a variety of social and educational ways. I would hate to see the system eliminated and how the campus and the community would change if such a proposal was passed.

Kris Eardensohn '89

We tried

To the Editor:

The Student Government Association recently distributed a survey on fraternities to all students. Unfortunately we obtained sufficient evidence of individuals completing multiple surveys that we felt obliged to invalidate the results of the survey.

The survey was not perfect. Some complained that the questions were biased or poorly worded. This is largely the result of 50 people with different viewpoints attempting to agree on a series of issues that we felt needed to be addressed. In general, we believed we posed the major issues that are at the heart of the fraternity debate. Despite some of the imperfections that may have been evident in the survey, a number of people apparently thought the survey important enough to attempt to influence its results.

We can't help but be extremely disappointed with this outcome. The faculty proposal to eliminate fraternities has been a difficult issue for all of us to deal with. The Student Government Association has tried to take a responsible role in pulling together student opinion so that an organized and well thought-out position could be set forth. We had hoped that this survey would serve as a guide for our own vote on the future of fraternities, as well as an indicator of student opinion that could be forwarded to the faculty and the Trustees.

Many of the surveys we received had very helpful suggestions and comments, both in response to the reforms questions as well as to the others. It is a shame that a few had to ruin it for those who put so much time and thought into filling out the survey. What is done is done, but we hope that in the future, more thought will go into how foolish ballot box stuffing really is. Ultimately, it is only the cause one is attempting to aid that suffers.

The Student Government Association

Ambulance driver on the defensive

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an editorial letter in The Campus two weeks ago (October 17, 1988) about the passing incident involving the ambulance. As one of the owners of the "fantastic" new roadster, I feel that I should address the social issues that Ms. "Name Witheld" so delicately linked to myself and the seven other owners of the car. First of all, I wish to thank her for her initial interest in the vehicle. We spent close to $3400 on a new paint job and custom leather interior, and I am happy to see that someone appreciates all the sweat that we have invested into our wheels.

However, I would like to address some of the more important issues that "Name Witheld" raised. Of the alleged incident involving the guys in the back drinking beer, shouting expletives, and swerving across the road to harass innocent pedestrians, I think the circumstances were slightly exaggerated. I'm not saying that we didn't take liberties with our new toy, because we did. (wink). But, please. The '70 stretch Caddy can hardly "tear up the road," as the plaintiff indicated. The alleged passers-by might have been hit with a spotlight or two, but there isn't any high-speed tearing around in the ambulance, for certain; if that baby was any older, she would have made the grandfather classic. Further, the person stated that she did not wish to incriminate us. So far she's got us for reckless driving, disturbing the peace transporting alcohol, and driving with a load not properly tied down. That's about eight years hard time in my estimation. Anyway, I'm denying all of the above.

Once more, I'll try to reach the real issue. This person states that she is merely using this incident to illustrate a problem here at Middlebury College, namely social cliques. I could not agree more with her concern. But, frankly the problem is universal, hardly just schoolwide, and to isolate anyone in particular as guilty is unfair. I concur wholeheartedly that, as she pointed out, "We all need friends and we all enjoy the company of our own clique." Yet when she stated that the guys in the ambulance were "turning their backs on the people outside," she crossed the fine line between assumption and insinuation.

Still, what bothers me most is that this person addressed a problem, and cited an incident, but declined to offer participation in the solution. This person, who witheld her name, admits to being guilty of the "same (repeated) callousness," and claims that "it will take more energy than (she) can give to check (herself) from falling into the same mistake tomorrow." What it comes down to is this: I'm guilty, you are guilty, and everyone is guilty. Agreed. But isn't this the normal nature of things? It is perfectly fine to address these tough social issues, but if one wishes to accuse another of an alleged injustice before an entire campus, it is only fair that this person include her name as well. Closet activists are just as dangerous as social climbers. I am not interested in finding out who wrote the letter, I simply think this person should point the finger at herself before pointing at someone else.

We stand accused of being exclusive. For the record, our intention is not to be exclusive, and we invite everyone to indulge in the pleasures of the ambulance, such as joining us at tailgate parties and so on. When our accuser holds a party in her room for everyone at Middlebury with whom she is not acquainted, then we'll talk. Her point is very well taken, but, at the risk of sounding defensive, I resent being held accountable before an entire student body and faculty for a flaw in human nature. I am certain that if we had been driving around in a Chevy Cavalier, this person would not have thought twice about our actions.

Jim LeMaitre '91

Editor's note: The author of the discussed letter is a male.

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Another isolated incident?

There should be no need to go on about the ramifications of the recent SGA survey ballot box stuffing incident (the SGA incident for short). To most, it is generally understood that this is a clear cut case of fraud and forgery, not to mention a breach of the Honor Code society all of us at Middlebury sign before studying here (that makes it perjury, too). The question is; Who is responsible?

Some may blame the SGA for not guarding the ballot box. After all, they take sufficient precaution during elections. To a limited extent the SGA is to blame. They should have known that such a volatile issue was bound to have supporters avid enough to disregard whatever community mandates existed that prohibited dishonesty.

However, the SGA can not be held fully accountable for failing to prevent something that never should have happened.

Another source culpability is the is the individuals who did the actual stuffing. They are the ones directly accountable for the SGA incident. This excuse is too easy, though. What if we had been sate to prosecute only those who had actually broken into the Watergate Hotel?

This is not to say that the whole fraternity system at Middlebury is a breeding ground for liars, thieves and cheats. We cannot blame the foundation of the Greek societies on campus as being corruptors. But we can question the fraternities for tolerating those individuals who do display, through words and actions, that they are incompatible with the basic tenets of Middlebury life.

The SGA incident will be termed an 'isolated incident', much like another incident plaguing Middlebury's not too distant past. The question to the fraternities is, how many so-called 'isolated' incidents will it take? There is no doubt that, before long, such incidents will cease to be the work of misled individuals, and will begin to be regarded as symptoms of a system which, through its inability to avoid destructive attitudes and embarrassing situations, no longer has a place at Middlebury.

A Workshop of Worth

Sometimes, an outside perspective can be invaluable. By assembling experts on minority issues for last weekend's workshop, the College has tapped into a vital source of input for shaping our community into a better environment for minority students. It's heartening to see the Minority Advisory Workshop being developed into an annual event, for the problems that face minority students cannot be solved in one fell swoop. Some issues need to be reiterated year after year, but at the same time, other problems crop up spontaneously, and also need to be addressed.

Listening to minority students here relate some of their difficult experiences is deeply troubling. Unfortunately, many at Middlebury don't even begin to realize the challenges that minority students face. They see a northern school that has long had minority students, though in very small numbers. Middlebury is not plagued by overt racism; no one has "slave-auction" parties, but there is still racism, racism of an insidious and difficult to eradicate type. It is tacit prejudice, unwitting slights, inappropriate comments that hurt minority students.

All these came out in the Workshop's open forums. These concerns over the racial problems that do exist here have been voiced before, but now they could be addressed with concrete suggestions for ways to improve the situation.

Many of the workshop's proposals from last year have been incorporated — definite progress has been made in addressing minority issues, especially by administration programs.

Much of the discussion of this workshop, however, focused on classroom situations. Concerns voiced by both students and Kevin Bowman, a psychological consultant who served on the panel revealed that stereotyping and racial bias can be found in that arena where it should least be found: in the classroom. That puts a lot of weight on the faculty's shoulders to address this problem. While some of the panel's proposals to help raise faculty awareness of racial issues sound somewhat extreme at this point — making cultural/minority awareness a criterium for tenure — the message is clear: Middlebury needs to realize that racism can be found — and must be eliminated — in almost all parts of campus life, and the classroom is no exception.

One issue that brought out angry voices at the concluding session was the question of "Where was Olin?" Both workshop committee members and students wondered why the president was absent from this weekend considered so crucial to minority programs at Middlebury. Well, we know where he was — delivering a baccalaureate address at Davidson College. True, the president is but one man, who can be at one place at one time, and to assume that Robison's presence is a necessity to give a program validity is unfair to his staff, who worked very hard on this project to take away valuable lessons, but isn't the ongoing effort to make Middlebury a better place for all students worth President Robison's time? We think so.

OPINIONS

Letters to the Editor

Frats should go

To the Editor:

Last Sunday the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) voted to keep fraternities at Middlebury College, albeit with some reforms. In doing so our representatives failed to take a significant and crucial step towards full equality on our campus and in society, at large.

Some argue that fraternities are wrongly accused of causing all of the sexism in our society. I agree that fraternities are serving as the catalyst for the discussion of sexism at Middlebury College. Yet I have never heard any anti-fraternity advocate claim that the abolition of fraternities would, immediately, eliminate sexism in the world. It would eliminate one sexist structure and state that Middlebury College will deal with sexism seriously.

Some contend that since women have Pearsons Hall and a Women's Union section of Hillcrest, men also need their separate space, meaning fraternities. My understanding of a main purpose of women's groups is to provide the means to create an independent force, which will combat women's minority status in our society. While both women and men are constrained by gender stereotypes, the limits women are asked to live within are much more confining than those in which men live. If fraternities wanted to disband and create a group that dealt with the pressures society places upon men, I believe that such a move would be applauded. At the moment, it seems unlikely that fraternities will take this step forward.

Various proposals have been offered as reforms to the fraternity system. One of these is the introduction of sororities. Sororities would only provide us with another structure that divides the sexes and, thus, separate women and men even further. In this case "separate but equal" would be "inherently unequal." Separation breeds unfamiliarity and ignorance whether it be in regard to sex, race and sexual preference. Greater integration between the sexes will increase our awareness of our different perspectives and help us discard the stereo-types that society ingrains in us. Another problem with sororities at Middlebury College is that they are being proposed only as an afterthought to fraternities. Because of this they would begin with a lower status than fraternities. Rather than create another structure that degrades women, we need to promote equal status for women now.

Another proposal has been to force fraternities to become truly co-ed. The mere phrase "co-ed fraternity" is a misnomer. A co-ed brotherhood is a ridiculous idea and counter-productive, in light of the fact that the problem we're attacking is sexism. Women should be accepted as equal members of society now rather than being forced to gain it by being sucked into male systems. Equality between the sexes cannot fully be achieved by only partially attacking sexism; keeping the name 'fraternity' goes only half of the way. Co-ed social houses in which both women and men make up the constitutions and share power from the beginning would be more progressive than "co-ed fraternities."

Fraternities do provide a vehicle for friendship, social work in the town of Middlebury and on our campus, and parties: but these benefits need not come from fraternities, as our pre- and post-college years, which are fraternity-less, prove. The detriment to the community by maintaining fraternities is great and, as of yet, unrecognized by most of our S.G.A. representatives and student body.

Fraternities foster sexism and further separate the sexes. Sexism will not be eliminated as soon as the fraternities are, but until they are we have one more barrier to break on our path towards a better world.

David Graham

Sign of regret

To the Editor:

We never thought that we would get caught. After all, we're in college and above the law. I was stopped by four state and local police cruisers. My friend ran, but he got hunted down and handcuffed. We were questioned at the station and given a date for a court appearance. As first time offenders, we have been enrolled in a Court Diversion program that consists of community service, alcohol abuse counselling, and this letter.

We were walking back to campus after having a good number of drinks downtown when we literally stumbled upon a restaurant sign that we decided to acquire. We were apprehended and charged with "possession of stolen property." Our records don't have an asterisk that says,"no big deal, this was a college prank." Our public records aren't going to impress any prospective employers or graduate schools. Through the Diversion Program, we can have this charge sealed from the public two years from now. In the meantime, on paper, we are the equivalent of inner city thugs. A "possession of stolen property" charge brings to mind stereos, televisions, and jewelry; not restaurant signs.

We're obviously not proud of what happened, nor are we blaming the police for doing their job. We're blaming ourselves for doing a senseless prank that jeopardizes our futures. The Diversion Program lessons the chance of anyone finding out about this, but the possibility is there. We are writing this letter as a warning to everyone at Middlebury — college does not give you immunity for your actions. Neither does alcohol. Next time you're thinking about stealing that sign, breaking that window, or doing anything else that you will regret in the morning, leave it alone. It's not worth it to have everything that you've worked hard for at Middlebury ruined by peer pressure and a few beers.

Name Witheld

Swine of the Week:

Happy swinehood to you. . .

by Geoffrey T. Coffey

One of the happiest moments in the life of a young child must certainly occur when being awoken to the aroma of burning candles upon a cake, to the sight of magnificent gifts, to the merry strains of *Happy Birthday To You* ringing in the background. On this most marvellous day, children know that they are the supreme reigning kings of their households — they will be excused from all tasks, chores, and donkey-work, free to sing *Happy Birthday* to themselves until their vocal cords snap from the strain. Birthdays are to young children what mud pits are to swine.

Leave it to the capitalist bastards of our money-worshipping world to impede onto even this most hallowed ground. As it turns out, the song *Happy Birthday To You* is not a timeless celebration tune, but is actually a piece of private property. It was written in 1893 by Mildred and Patricia Hill, a pair of kindergarten teachers from Kentucky, with the original title *Good Morning To All*. They changed the title the following year (to its current form), and the song was copyrighted in 1935 by the Birch Tree Group music-publishing company. Birch Tree Group, which owns the copyrights to some 50,000 songs, is in turn owned by a notable group of swine known as the Sengstack family.

In order to legally sing *Happy Birthday*, it necessary to first obtain written permission from the Sengstacks. Companies which use any facet of *Happy Birthday* in their products must pay royalties to the Sengstacks. For example, the Casio Computer company produces a watch which plays the *Happy Birthday* song, and they must pay Birch Tree 1¢ for every watch they make. Each year, the Sengstacks make over one million dollars from *Happy Birthday* royalties alone.

The Sengstacks are apparently not pleased with the burden of owning the Birthday song. It

seems that they no longer enjoy writing letters of permission to little children who wish to sing it. However, instead of simply giving it to the general public and thereby saving millions of poor six-year-olds from nightmares of long prison sentences due to illegal vocal outbursts, the Sengstacks put the song on the market, where it was purchased for over $12 million.

Don't the Sengstacks realize the importance of a free birthday song? Imagine the horror of a young child upon discovering that a spontaneous airing of the birthday song is illegal. Perhaps soon the song's new owners will begin enforcing their property more rigidly, sending out roving bands of Happy Birthday Secret Police, instructed to arrest, torture, and obtain payment from any human being so bold as to sing their song. We could set up

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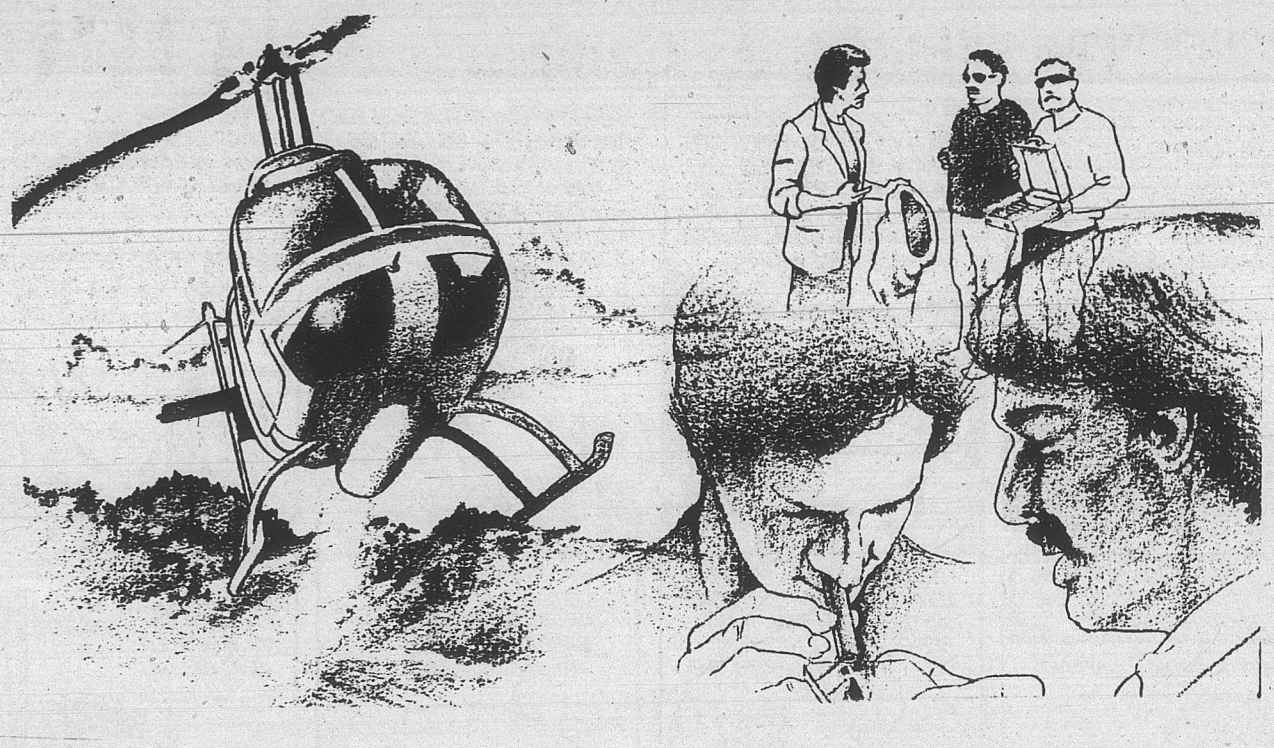

APROPOS

The new drug laws: 'til death do us part

by Whitman Knapp

Drugs. After years of making more than sufficient noise and taking less than sufficient action, it looks like the Government may be headed in the right direction. For the first time, the House and Senate have produced legislation that seems to take seriously the number one problem facing America.

Before it adjourned, Congress reached a compromise on a bill that's best described as an intelligent, "get tough" measure. Let's take a look at it:

The legislation permits the death penalty for those who murder police while engaged in drug related business, or those involved in at least two continuing criminal drug operations. Good. It allows fined of up to $10,000 to be imposed upon individuals who are in possession of even small amounts of drugs for their own consumption. Good. In addition the bill permits the courts to disqualify individuals convicted of narcotics offenses, including possession, from obtaining student loans, mortgage guarantees, pilots' licenses, and other benefits.

The death penalty, heavy fines and the suspension of certain types of operators' licenses, not to mention numerous other steps, are absolutely necessary if we want even to begin to get serious about the drug crisis. But benefit deprivation and the death penalty? Do you perhaps feel a slight threat in the "personal possession" clause?

The death penalty is a difficult question. If you don't think it's right, you won't change your mind. If benefits taken away from offenders are a problem, be aware that no one can be abandoned entirely. Social Security, Welfare and Medicare will not be confiscated under the new plan.

In fact, it's balance which contributes to the new anti-drug measure's positive nature. Under the proposed guidelines, federal spending will be divided evenly, for the first time, between law enforcement and measures intended to stifle demand, such as education and rehabilitation. In the future, 60% of federal drug funds will go towards treatment and education programs, with the goal of being able to offer "treatment on demand" within the next several years.

Drugs are by far the most serious issue facing the country, and presently the greatest threat to our national security and welfare. There's simply no doubt about it. Anyone who still deceives themselves about the nature of this threat should recall the recent bomb explosion next to the Secretary of State's motorcade while he was on a trip in South America. Or read the latest reports on the hit squad apprehended in New York, apparently sent by the Medellin drug cartel to assassinate the head of the New York bureau of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

The new administration must realize the magnitude of the threat and take steps to lead a *real war* on drugs. Otherwise, the national cycle of poverty, crime and lost opportunity will continue; the power and influence of narcotics kingpins will increase and we'll find ourselves in a kind of trouble that is hard to imagine now.

For this reason, I am very encouraged by the appearance of this new legislation. I wish it were tougher, and eventually it must be, but it's a step in the right direction. Funny, though, that we have to wait for an election year to get this sort of action on Capitol Hill. Is it only at election-time that the Government will move to action on this issue?

Because we no longer have that luxury.

Ink Reigns:

Bushrubbery hedges toward the White House

by Ben Tarn

"Vote Dan Quayle for president ! . . ." To most people in the country, this is an alarming idea, even to many of the most pious Republicans. Why then is Bush the odds on favorite to win the election, and why are people willing to forgive his first chief executive blunder, even though it casts drastic aspersions on his competency to be president? Let's admit once and for all: Dan Quayle *should never* become president. George Bush has flushed even the most conservative poker-faces with his selection of Quayle. I don't need to know what Quayle's grades in high school were to conclude that he has the brains of a McDonald's happy-meal. Brains aren't essential if your only job in life is to mate, but this "shampoo-star" may really wind up being a heartbeat away from the presidency. Morbid though it is, virtually every president in history has faced assassination attempts; there is no reason to assume that George Bush would be any different. I agree with *mainstream America* that George bungled his first "presidential task," but the spread of *Bushrubbery* is old weed to me. Far more portentous is what this campaign is doing to weaken our national values and standards.

While the country may be jaded to revelations of scandal in high government office, I am not. I find it execrable even that Bush is slithering down the campaign trail. We are about to chuck the presidency to someone whose political success is built on a colossus of thinly-veiled lies. Never mind his guilt by association to the Reagan Administration (riddled by some 240 indictments and resignations among top officials); George, the number two man, can boast his own spurious resumé. He has perjured himself relentlessly before the American people, embraced some of the most villainous smarm on the planet, and helped to make a mockery of the word "diplomacy." Remember the George who heaped accolades on Marcos' democracy, winked at Noreiga's vile despotism and drug-dealing (because he proved to be a useful accessory to our meddlings in Central America), and who remains tainted by his collusion in the Iran-Contra debacle. Remember further his scrofulous attempt to duck the whole fiasco until after election-day.

There is an unmistakable countenance to a human-being telling a lie — a certain sheepish, plasticine mien. This is the portrait of George Bush. Jesse Jackson might quip: "Bush has dropped so many lies, that he's stuck in them up to his thighs." (George himself would call it, "deep doo-doo.") He must constantly expel more lies to cover-up the ones he told before. Had the United States depraved itself to this degree in 1974, Nixon could have glided over Watergate, and waged a successful reelection campaign! (Witness the voice we have given Nixon in politics recently!) We are about to choose a president-elect who not only runs south on all the issues, but has shystered the American people. If the Gerbil wins, duplicity will have played such a role that he could probably declare his election a mandate for deceit (or more practically, he could just deceive us).

If there is one consummate danger in George Bush becoming president, it is due to his years as former head of the CIA. I don't relish cross-pollination between Church and State, but nuptials between the Pentagon and the White House absolutely terrify me. The CIA (better known off our soil as *the Company*) is responsible for orchestrating the violent overthrow of sovereign, democratically elected governments. Several *popular* examples include Arbenz in Guatemala and Allende in Chile. Unfortunately, we often feel called upon to crush budding democracies in the "third-world" in order to secure profits for American companies. Three ironies abound: First, the United States, the world's foremost democracy, sponsors gross human rights violations abroad for the sake of so-called, *democratization* and *stability*. Second, democracy, a fragile system, disintegrates when you try to impose it on people. Third, the enterprises of "making the world safe for democracy" and "stamping out Commies," always seem to trammel our own democratic principles at home through covert operations. Ergo, George Bush. In imagining the artifices that avail themselves on any head of the CIA, I just don't feel cozy putting an ex-operative in the Oval Office. (There is evidence that Bush conspired with his CIA contacts to derail Carter's hostage negotiations, all for the political vanity of throwing the 1980 election to Reagan.)

In summation, far from being a wimp, George Bush is a cagey, devious ermine. He is a tumor on the butt of American politics that is maligning its way toward the heart. Vote for him now, and see what kind of standards you can hold him and his cronies to in the White House. As for Dan Quayle, if the grandmother from the Midwest who gave him all that fluffy advice he loves to lather the media with could see him now, she would probably wish that he be retroactively aborted. The travesty is not so much that G.B. picked D.Q. for V.P., but that the muttonheads ever made it to office in the first place.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GOOD EVENING. TODAY, IN AN ASTONISHING TURN OF EVENTS, BUSH SCRIPTWRITER PEGGY "POINTS O' LIGHT" NOONAN DECLARED THE ELECTION OFFICIALLY OVER!
10-31
PUBLIC REACTION TO NEWS OF THE SHORTENED CAMPAIGN WAS ECSTATIC. THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHILE CLEARLY SURPRISED BY HIS HANDLER'S DECISION, WAS PHILOSOPHICAL WHEN HE MET WITH REPORTERS TODAY.
HEY, IT'S NINE EXTRA DAYS FOR THE TRANSITION. WE CAN USE 'EM. IF IT'S OVER, IT'S OVER. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CATCH ME WHINING ABOUT IT THE WAY THEY MIGHT UP IN BOSTON!
DUKAKIS, OFF CAMPAIGNING SOMEWHERE, COULD NOT BE FOUND FOR COMMENT.
WORD OF THE ELECTION BEING OVER FINALLY REACHED THE DUKAKIS CAMP...
YOU'RE KIDDING!
AFRAID NOT.
11-1
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN OVER?
A COUPLE OF WEEKS. BUT THEY ONLY MADE IT OFFICIAL TODAY. CAN I GET A REACTION FROM THE GOVERNOR?
UM... YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT. HE'S IN TAPING AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS AT THE MOMENT.
GOVERNOR, IF YOU COULD BE ANY VEGETABLE, WHAT WOULD YOU...
SPINACH.
GOVERNOR DUKAKIS, WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?
11-2
WELL, BARBARA, I'LL BE LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER. I'LL BE STUDYING IT. I WANT TO HAVE ALL THE FACTS IN FRONT OF ME SO I CAN ASSESS THE SITUATION.
YES, BUT WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS, GOVERNOR? ARE YOU FEELING ANGER? PAIN?
BARBARA, AS THE SON OF GREEK IMMIGRANTS, I FEEL PAIN. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
UH... I'M JUST TOUCHING YOUR SLEEVE REASSURINGLY.
PLEASE DON'T DO THAT.
WITH THE ELECTION OVER, IT WAS TRANSITION TIME.
...AND THIS IS WHERE WE HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!
11-3
I KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT. I'VE BEEN ATTENDING THEM FOR EIGHT YEARS.
OH... ARE YOU SURE, GEORGE? I DON'T REALLY RECALL EVER HEARING YOU SAY ANYTHING.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, YOU WERE USUALLY NODDING OFF.
GEORGE, IF THAT BOTHERED YOU, YOU SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN UP LIKE A MAN!
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY SEEM ON TOP OF THINGS, GEORGE.
YES, SIR. WE'RE TRYING TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!
WHERE'S YOUR YOUNG RUNNING MATE? I WAS HOPING TO CONGRATULATE HIM.
DANO?
HE'S OVER WITH HIS TEAM MOVING INTO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.
11-4
HONEY? WHAT COLOR DRAPES DO WE WANT?
I'LL HANDLE IT, DEAR.
WHO'S THAT?
DUKAKIS.
OH... OH, SURE, I REMEMBER HIM...
HE'S GIVING A NEW SPEECH. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT BAD.
11-5
YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT WHY'S HE GIVING IT AFTER THE ELECTION?
BEATS ME. HE'S PROBABLY WORKING OFF HIS CAMPAIGN DEBT.

Swine

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special prisons for the offenders, where those bold birthday criminals were prevented from celebrating anybody's birthday, and could never eat cake or blow out candles at any time.

Congratulations, Sengstack family: you have exemplified the wave of money-sucking animals which has overrun our planet for the past hundred years. By owning the Birthday song and taking profits from it, you have effectively raped a long-standing family institution. You have further disgraced yourself by selling the song, instead of contributing it to the welfare of greater mankind. You have righteously earned your malevolent title — you are the swine of the week.

Football

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the 1988 campaign. But whatever the outcome, the pride and character the members of this team possess can ensure Middlebury fans that these Panthers will not readily roll over and die.

Next Saturday, the Panthers take on Colby here at Porter Field, 1:30 p.m. Colby College has been an inconsistent but lethal team this season, upsetting Tufts 36-35 on the third week of the campaign. The play-calling from the sidelines must include Jim Hackett much more so as he has been the only weapon the Panthers have had on offense the entire season.

There is evidence that diet and cancer are related. Follow these modifications in your daily diet to reduce chances of getting cancer:

1. Eat more high-fiber foods such as fruits and vegetables and whole-grain cereals.
2. Include dark green and deep yellow fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins A and C.
3. Include cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kohlrabi and cauliflower.
4. Be moderate in consumption of salt-cured, smoked, and nitrite-cured foods.
5. Cut down on total fat intake from animal sources and fats and oils.
6. Avoid obesity.
7. Be moderate in consumption of alcoholic beverages.

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